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STORY & CAST OF CHARACTERS

Cherryton Academy is an integrated boarding school for a diverse group of carnivores and herbivores. Recently Tem, an alpaca member of the Drama Club, was slain and devoured on campus. The murderer has yet to be identified, and tensions between predators and prey are running high.

After telling a group of carnivore students that he is trying to find his friend Tem's killer, gray wolf Legoshi is viciously attacked by a mysterious beast. Legoshi then begins training under giant panda Gohin to learn to better defend himself and his loved ones. With the help of a meditation practice, Legoshi manages to overcome his innate desire to eat meat, but as a consequence, his jaws grow weak. As he helps Gohin capture meat-addicted carnivores, Legoshi develops his own fighting style employing his arms and legs instead of his teeth.

Meanwhile, red deer Louis's father Oguma refuses to allow his son to withdraw from Cherryton Academy. When Louis passes through the black market, he is disheartened to see Legoshi with a large sack of meat. Louis doesn't know the meat is intended for Legoshi's meditation practice, not consumption.

Dwarf rabbit Haru catches Legoshi napping in Cherryton's study hall. She is angry because Legoshi has been cold towards her lately. Legoshi doesn't fully comprehend her reaction and, in a moment of panic, attempts to repair things by asking her to marry him. Haru turns him down hard...



★Red deer ♂
★High school third-year
★Former leader of the Drama Club actors pool, but now leader of the Shishi-gumi



★Labrador retriever ♂
★High school second-year
★Legoshi's best friend

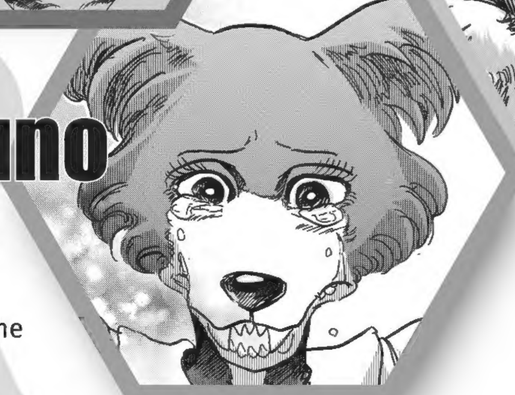
★Netherland dwarf rabbit ♀
★High school third-year
★Member of the Gardening Club



★Bengal tiger ♂
★High school second-year
★Member of the Drama Club actors pool



★Giant panda ♂
★Psychologist who runs a clinic at the black market



★Gray wolf ♀
★High school first-year
★Member of the Drama Club actors pool



★Gray wolf ♂
★High school second-year
★Member of the Drama Club production crew
★Physically powerful yet emotionally sensitive
★Struggles with his identity as a carnivore

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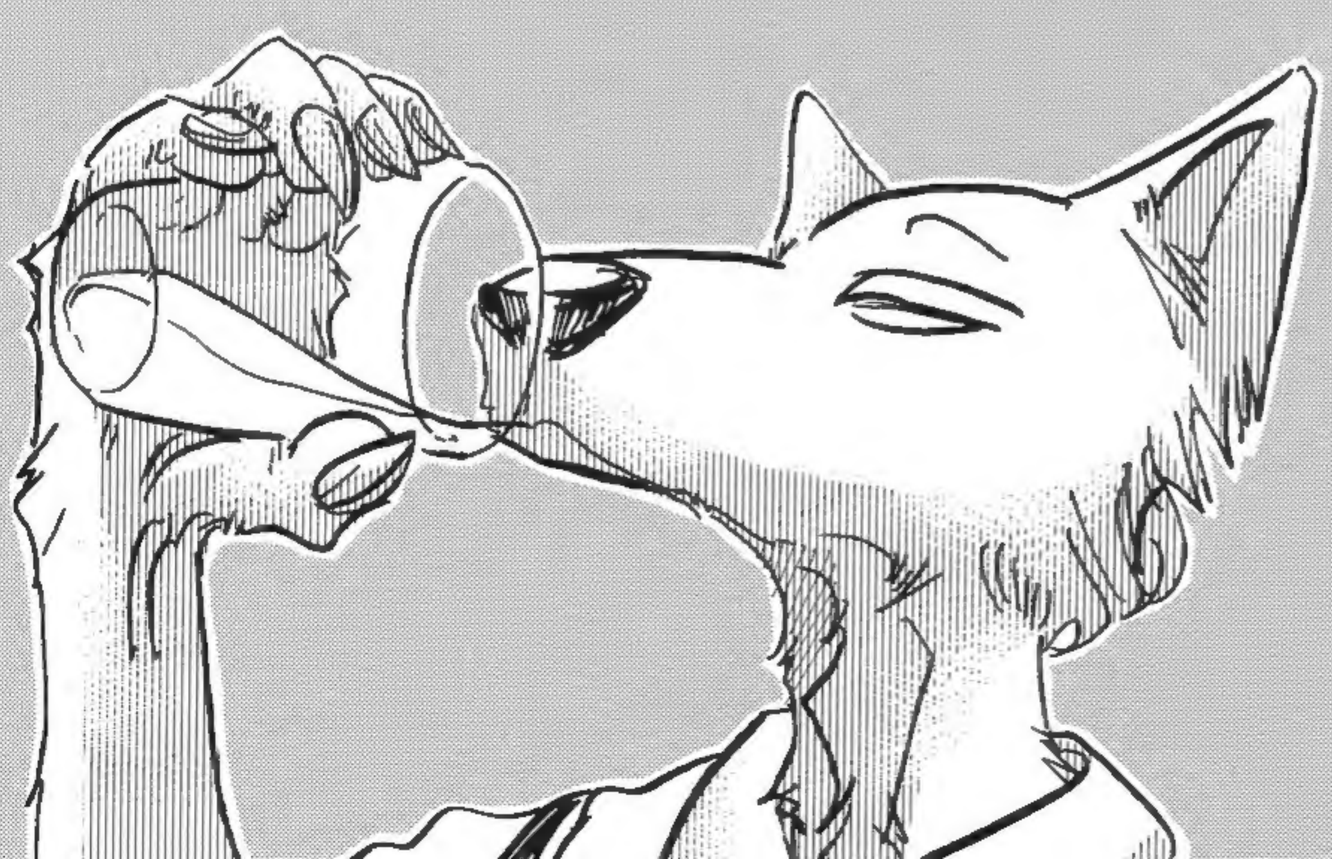
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Chapter 71: A Day Among Many



...is preparing for their winter performance, scheduled for after New Year's.

The Drama Club...

I LOVE LIGHTING DESIGN AND SETTING STAGE LIGHTS.

THIS IS SO MUCH FUN. I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FOCUS ON CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR THE LONGEST TIME.

...

WAG WAG

PINA IS A FIRST-YEAR, BUT HE'S PLAYING A LEAD ROLE. WE'D BE WASTING HIS GOOD LOOKS IF WE DIDN'T HIGHLIGHT HIM ONSTAGE...

YEP. YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!

KIBI, ARE YOU THE ONE IN CHARGE OF COS-TUMES?

DOMU ...

YES?

I'LL JUST HAVE TO SET MY PERSONAL FEELINGS ASIDE AND DO MY JOB.

GOOD IDEA!

HIS BODY IS PURE WHITE.

I THINK WE SHOULD USE A RED FILTER FOR PINA'S SPOTLIGHT.

I WANT TO MAKE HIS FACE LOOK WARM AND ALIVE, SO A RED FILTER WOULD BE PERFECT.



AHHH...

WHAT?!

WHAT THE—?! WHAT?!

...

THUD

WAHHHH!

C-CALM DOWN, TAO... PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER.

HER-BIVORE MEMBERS STAND BACK! KEEP YOUR DIS-TANCE!

UM... UM... N-NO... I...

HUF... HUF... MY ARM... MY ARM!

OH NO... HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN... W-WHAT DID I DO...?

HUF HUF

I DIDN'T DO IT ON PURPOSE! I SWEAR!

...SAW US, DIDN'T YOU!

URK!

Y-YOU...

KLKKLKKLKKLKKLK

YOU GUYS! TAKE KIBI TO THE INFIRMARY. I'LL KEEP AHOLD OF TAO.

BUT I... I...

STOP! CALM DOWN! EVERY-ONE'S ALREADY SCARED ENOUGH!

MY... ARM...

GRAB

BREATHE, KIBI...

TMP TMP TMP TMP

KIBI!

I'VE HEARD INCIDENTS LIKE THIS OCCUR AT CHERRYTON A COUPLE OF TIMES A DECADE...

...THEY CAN SERIOUSLY INJURE HERBIVORES BY ACCIDENTALLY TEARING OFF THEIR LIMBS. WHAT HAPPENED NOW ISN'T A RARE OCCURRENCE.

CARNIVORES ARE TAUGHT TO CONTROL THEIR STRENGTH FROM A VERY YOUNG AGE. BUT IF THEY CARELESSLY LET THEIR GUARD DOWN FOR EVEN A SECOND...

LUCKILY, THE SUCCESS RATE OF THESE OPERATIONS IS PRETTY HIGH.

THAT'S WHY EVERY HOSPITAL HAS TO KNOW HOW TO REATTACH LIMBS.

...

NO! DON'T TOUCH ME!

BUT...

KIBI OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO GET HIS ARM STITCHED BACK ON IF THEY GET HIM THERE FAST ENOUGH...

WE CARNIVORES ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO CARRY YOU. YOU HAVE TO TRUST US.

TRUST US, KIBI!

I'M SCARED... I'M SCARED.

...

I CAN'T.

DON'T WORRY! WE'LL BE VERY CAREFUL!

I DON'T WANT ANY CARNIVORE TOUCHING ME! YOU'LL RIP MY OTHER ARM OFF!

WE HAVE TO CARRY YOU TO THE INFIRMARY...

...

ALL RIGHT...

HUF... HUF... NO... I'M TOO SCARED...

LEGO-SHI...

LEGOSHI CAN... CARRY ME...

A-ALL RIGHT.

LET'S GO!

AM I HOLD-ING YOU RIGHT?

YEAH ...

Hup

YOU GUYS TAKE CARE OF THE REST.

I'LL TAKE HIM TO THE INFIRMARY...

WE'VE GOT TO HURRY. I'M SORRY IF I JOSTLE YOU.

WE NEED TO BRING HIS ARM WITH US. CAN SOMEONE CARRY IT?

...

THANKS.

I'LL CARRY IT.

I'LL DO IT! WE SHOULD BE SAFE IF WE HIDE HIS ARM INSIDE THIS VEST.

I'M GLAD OUR JUNIOR MEMBERS MANAGED TO STAY CALM...

CHAK

KIBI...

EVERYONE ELSE, PACK UP. WE'RE DONE FOR TODAY.

WE NEED TO CALM HIM DOWN BEFORE WE TELL THE TEACHERS WHAT HAP-PENED.

WE CARNI-VORES ARE GOING TO STEP OUT FOR A MINUTE. WE'LL TAKE TAO WITH US.

RIGHT.

LISTEN UP, EVERYONE... DON'T PANIC. TRY TO KEEP IT TOGETHER. AND PRAY FOR KIBI'S RECOVERY.

...ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE.

DON'T WORRY...

PROBABLY... THE TEACHERS WILL CALL AN AMBU-LANCE.

WILL THEY... TAKE ME TO... A HOSPITAL?

I'LL COME SEE YOU AT THE HOSPITAL AS SOON AS THEY ALLOW VISITORS. AND WE'LL GO DRINK ANT SHAKES ON CENTER STREET AFTER YOU'RE DIS-CHARGED.

HE'S TREM-BLING...

DEAL ...?

OKAY.

HUF... HUF... WHAT DO I DO NOW?

I'M THE E-EVIL BEAST WHO RIPPED OFF HIS FRIEND'S ARM...

THEY'LL STITCH UP KIBI'S ARM. EVERYONE KNOWS YOU DIDN'T DO IT ON PURPOSE. WE ALL SAW WHAT HAPPENED.

TAKE IT EASY ...

I'M GOING TO SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE IN PRISON! MY LIFE IS OVER!

WE'LL TESTIFY AS WITNESSES.

...BUT WHAT WAS EVEN WORSE WAS HOW EVERYONE LOOKED AT ME WHEN I PANICKED...

THE WAY I FELT WHEN I RIPPED KIBI'S ARM OFF WAS HORRIBLE...

N-NO... THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM...

...I WAS THE ONE WHO DEVOURED TEM LAST SPRING!

THEY MUST HAVE ALL THOUGHT...

NO! I DIDN'T!

DID YOU DO IT?

THE MURDERER'S STILL ON THE LOOSE... EVERYONE'S BOUND TO SUSPECT ME NOW.

BUT I COULDN'T! I RIPPED OFF MY FRIEND'S ARM! HOW COULD I BE CALM?!

I DIDN'T WANT TO SCARE ANYONE... I DIDN'T WANT THEM TO SUSPECT ME, SO I TRIED AS HARD AS I COULD TO STAY CALM!

...COULDN'T STOP SWEATING— IT WAS LIKE WE'D HURT KIBI OUR-SELVES!

SEEING AN HERBIVORE GET HURT LIKE THAT... AOBA AND I BOTH...

I HEAR YOU, TAO...

BUT THOSE TWO... WERE AWFULLY CALM. THAT WAS WEIRD...

...

Infirmary

OH... THANKS.

HERE'S A HANKIE. YOU'VE GOT BLOOD ON YOUR UNI-FORM.

ARGH... THIS IS A DISASTER.

I SHOULD WASH IT, NOT TRY TO SWIPE OFF THE BLOOD WITH A HANKIE... ANYWAY... NOW'S THE RIGHT TIME TO...

BLOOD ON MY UNI-FORM ...

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DEVOURED TEM, AREN'T YOU?

YOU DON'T NEED TO PRETEND IT WASN'T YOU.

Chapter 72: You'll Be Burned by White Flames

...ARE TEM'S MURDERER.

...THAT YOU, RIZ...

BECAUSE YOU AND I ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO KNOW...

HM...

YOU'RE RIGHT...

I GUESS YOU REALIZED THAT WHEN YOU FRENCH-KISSED ME. THAT WAS A SURPRISE!

I CONTINUED MY SECRET INVESTI-GATION USING MY ATTACKER'S SALIVA AS A CLUE.

AND IT WORKED. I'M NOT APOLO-GIZING FOR THAT.

IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO FIGURE OUT WHO WAS AT-TACKING ME.

I'VE GOT TO GET THIS DONE QUICKLY BEFORE REHEARSAL ENDS!

I'LL ANALYZE THE SALIVA OF ALL THE (MALE CARNIVORE) CLUB MEMBERS.

NOW ...

THREE DAYS AGO ...

...

RINSE RINSE RINSE RINSE RINSE

Washing his mouth out with green tea to clear his palate

Safari Tea

NEXT, TAO'S PLASTIC BOTTLE...

But I knew that already...

IT ISN'T HIM.

I'LL START WITH BILL'S PLASTIC WATER BOTTLE.

THIS ISN'T IT... EITHER.

WHAT ABOUT THIS ONE? NO...

NO, NO... NOT HIM.

I DON'T THINK AOBA USES A WATER BOTTLE. I'LL DOUBLE-CHECK...

THIS ISN'T IT...

...FOR LAST...

I'VE UNCON-SCIOUSLY LEFT RIZ'S LOCKER...

KREEK

RIZ IS A BROWN BEAR. HE'S THAT POWER-FUL...

THE BEAST WHO ATTACKED ME WAS STRONG ENOUGH TO FLING ME AROUND WITH ONE ARM...

...A SYMBOL OF HIS DEFI-ANCE AND RAGE.

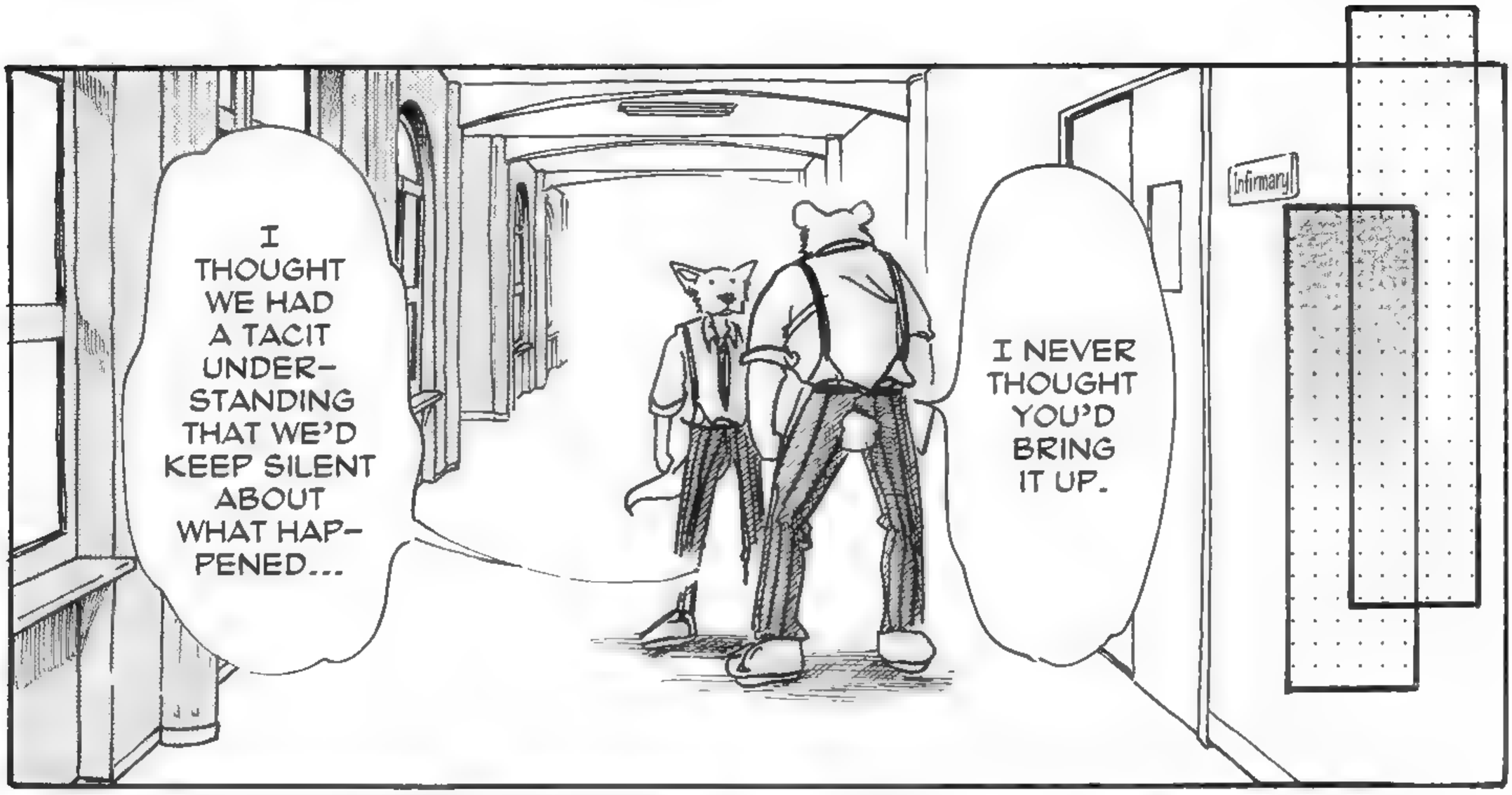
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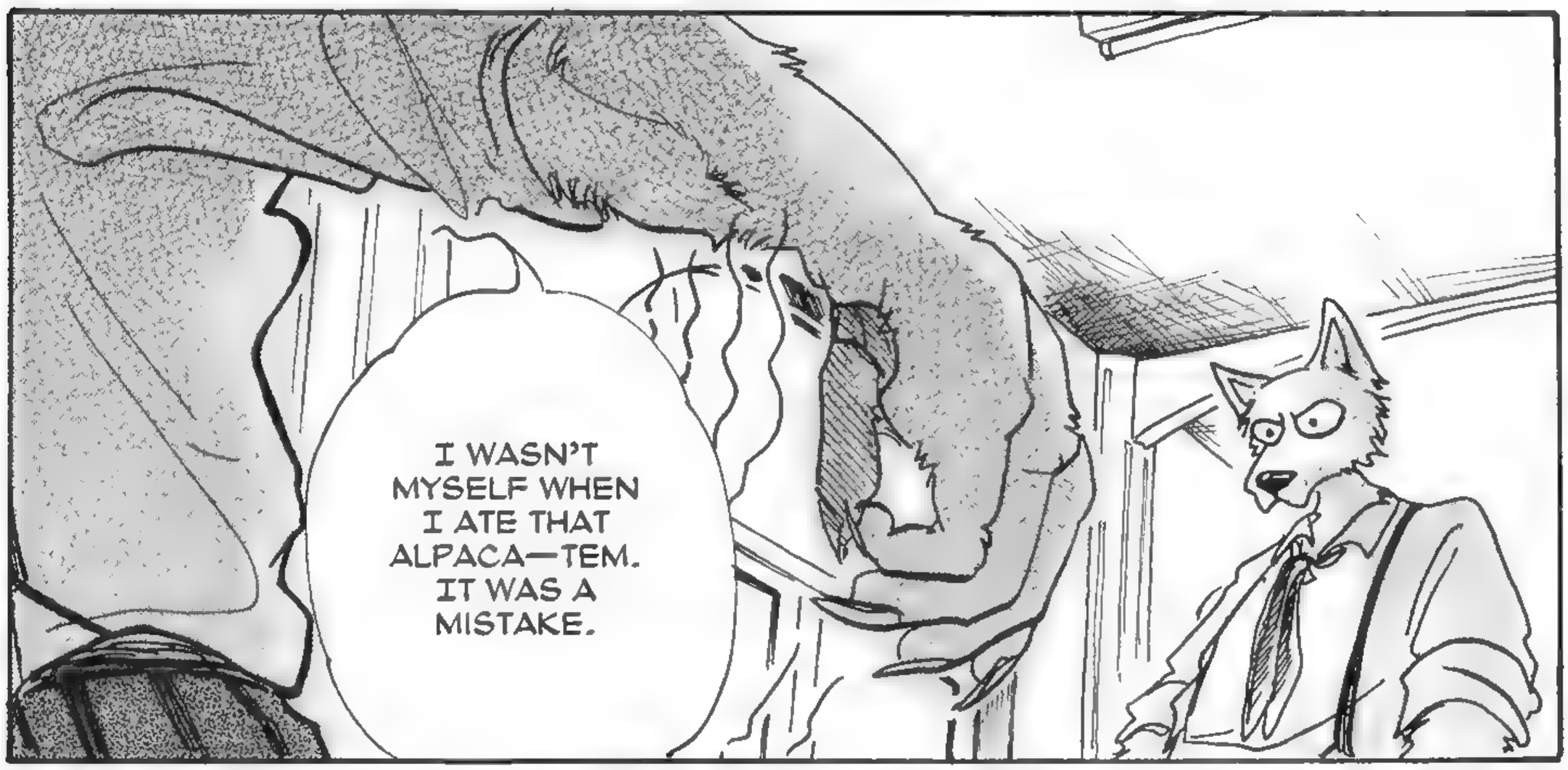
Drama Club Officers

"I ATE TEM."

"IF YOU DON'T STOP POKING AROUND..."

"...I'LL KILL YOU TOO, LEGOSHI."


I THOUGHT WE HAD A TACIT UNDER-STANDING THAT WE'D KEEP SILENT ABOUT WHAT HAP-PENED...
I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D BRING IT UP.
Infirmary


I WASN'T MYSELF WHEN I ATE THAT ALPACA—TEM. IT WAS A MISTAKE.


YOU WON'T?
SKRTCH
SPLITH
SKRTCH
SPLITH
SKRTCH
SPLITH
DID YOU THINK I'D OVERLOOK YOUR KILLING AND DEVOURING AN HERBIVORE?
SKRTCH

I'M HELP-LESS...

...YOUR SNOUT SHUT...

Infirmary

SKRTCH SKRTCH SKRTCH SKRTCH SKRTCH SKRTCH SKRTCH SPLIT SPLIT

THANKS TO MY TRAINING REGIMEN, I CAN'T EXTEND MY CLAWS. MY FUR WON'T STAND ON END. MY CHANCES OF WINNING THIS FIGHT ARE...CLOSE TO ZERO...

OKAY THEN ...

HM...

THEN... I'LL HAVE TO MAKE SURE YOU KEEP...

SHEESH! I CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER! EXCUSE ME!

SO HERE I AM.

I WAS ASKED TO BRING KIBI'S THINGS TO THE INFIRMARY.

...

YES, THANK YOU! I'LL LET THEM KNOW. BYE, NOW.

RTTL

...

SCUSE ME. MY NAME'S PINA. I'M A FIRST-YEAR MEMBER OF THE DRAMA CLUB.

THIS IS KIBI'S BAG...

ALL DONE.

MISSION ACCOM-PLISHED.

...TO FIX THAT CEILING. BUT I WON'T TELL ON YOU.

IT'LL COST A FOR-TUNE...

Don't sharpen your claws.

Greet everyone politely.

PINA!

...AIT!

W-W...

...EY!

H-H...

...

YOU DIDN'T... HEAR ANYTHING, DID YOUZ! TELL ME YOU DIDN'T HEAR ANY-THING!

SLAP SLAP SLAP

I UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERN, BUT...I'M NOT GOING TO LIE TO DEFEND YOU.

YOU'RE ACTING LIKE YOU'RE THE GUILTY ONE...

IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS THAT THE MURDERER TURNED OUT TO BE RIZ.

HOW ABOUT WE DISCUSS THIS LIKE MATURE BEASTS?

SO...

SIGH

ON THE OTHER HAND, I WON'T PRETEND I DON'T CARE. THAT'S WHY I STUCK MY NOSE INTO YOUR BUSI-NESS.

...ARE HERBIVORES.

...AND KEEP THEM SANE...

THE ONES WHO BOTH MAKE CARNIVORES LOSE THEIR REASON...

I GUESS IT'S NOT THAT MUCH OF A MYSTERY... PINA IS THE ONE IN THE GREATEST DANGER HERE.

WHY DID HE INTERVENE ?!

PINA SAVED ME, BUT...

SQUEAL

SO. I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS PEACE-FULLY...

Pina! ♡ Look this way!

WHICH MEANS... RIZ! LET'S START BY YOU NOT LOOKING AT ME LIKE I'M YOUR PREY, OKAY?!

I'M CONFUSED...

YOU THINK THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF, BROWN BEAR, IS TO...

TWO STUDENTS KNOW WHAT YOU'VE DONE.

I CAN SEE WHY.

GET RID OF YOU BOTH. STARTING WITH YOU, PINA.

I WON'T ALLOW THAT TO—

MY ADVICE IS NOT TO HARM ME.

IF TWO HERBIVORE MEMBERS OF THE DRAMA CLUB ARE KILLED, THIS TIME AROUND, THE POLICE WILL MAKE A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION.

IT'LL BE SIMPLE TO SOLVE THE CRIME THEN. ALL THEY'LL NEED TO DO IS INVESTIGATE THE CARNIVORE CLUB MEMBERS. A GRADE-SCHOOLER COULD FIGURE IT OUT.

THAT'S RIGHT. YOU'RE IN A REAL JAM.

THIS IS A DIFFICULT SITUATION FOR BOTH OF US...

I GIVE YOU MY WORD.

I FEEL SORRY FOR YOU THOUGH, SO... I'LL PROMISE YOU THIS. I WON'T TIP OFF THE POLICE. IT WOULD BE TOO MUCH OF A HASSLE ANYWAY.

...BUT JUSTICE WILL WIN OUT IN THE END.

I HOPE YOU CAN'T SLEEP AT NIGHT.

UH... OKAY.

LET'S GO, LEGOSHI.

And they're already stiff because of the weight of my huge horns.

I GOT SO TENSE MY SHOULDERS ARE ALL STIFF.

SHEESH. I GOT PRETTY WORKED UP BACK THERE. THAT'S NOT LIKE ME.

BECAUSE I DOUBT YOU WOULD HAVE SURVIVED IF YOU'D FOUGHT RIZ.

WHY WOULD YOU RISK—

PINA... YOU INTERVENED AND... SAVED ME.

I OWE YOU BIG-TIME.

I'LL PROTECT YOU TOO FROM NOW ON.

THEN LET'S EXCHANGE CONTACT INFORMA-TION...

FAp

THE FIRST TIME I SAW LEGOSHI'S MOTHER WAS AT HER FUNERAL.

Jack
He was only 12 then.

Chapter 73: A Well-Bred "Wolf"

LEGOSHI NEVER TALKED ABOUT HIS MOM... I HAD NO IDEA SHE WAS SO BEAUTIFUL. HE TAKES AFTER HER.

I FEEL SO SORRY FOR HER... I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS HAPPENED...

I HAD NO IDEA SHE WAS SO DEPRESSED THAT SHE WOULD KILL HERSELF... SHE WAS SO POPULAR WHEN WE WERE STUDENTS!

SHE STARTED ACTING STRANGE AFTER SHE GOT MARRIED... SHE HAS A SON WHO'S 12, DOESN'T SHE...?

THE GROWN-UPS ARE CRYING, BUT THEY'RE STILL GOSSIPING. I DON'T CARE ABOUT RUMORS.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE A SAFE PLACE TO GRIEVE, IT'S EVEN WORSE.

I SMELL HIM NEAR-BY...

I HAVE TO BE THERE FOR HIM.

BEFORE YOU CAN LET GO AND CRY, YOU HAVE TO LET REALITY SINK IN...

HE'S FROZEN IN PLACE.

IT'S LIKE LEGO-SHI'S BAT-TERIES HAVE RUN DOWN...

JACK...

THERE YOU ARE.

LEGO-SHI!

THE GROWN-UPS ARE LOOKING FOR YOU. WANT ME TO MAKE EXCUSES FOR YOU? WOULD YOU LIKE TO STAY HERE A LITTLE LONGER?

I...

JACK...

IT'S SO BIG...

...I CAN'T HANDLE IT ALONE NOW THAT MY MOM HAS PASSED AWAY.

WHAT? A SECRET?

THERE'S A SECRET... I'VE NEVER TOLD ANYONE...

DON'T WORRY. I'VE GOT YOU.

I P-PROMISE.

?

PROMISE NOT TO TELL ANYONE...?

I...

I'VE NEVER HEARD LEGOSHI SPEAK ABOUT HIS FAMILY AFTER HE TOLD ME HIS SECRET.

IT'S BEEN FIVE YEARS SINCE THAT DAY.

Encyclopedia

IS HE EVER GOING TO WRITE TO HIS GRANDFATHER? I BET HE'D BE SO SURPRISED TO SEE LEGOSHI NOW...

Dear Dad and Mom,
It's cold every day now.
I wear two pairs of socks to keep warm.
I'm having trouble making it over the vaulting boxes in gym class. Maybe it's because my legs are so short.

HE DOESN'T HAVE TO WRITE HOME EVERY WEEK LIKE I DO...

FWUMP

1000

1000

MONEY.

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS ...?

Training his grip

Pro

1000

IT'S YOUR PAY. TAKE IT.

THAT'S A LOT OF CASH. I'M GOING TO PRETEND I DIDN'T SEE IT.

HUH?

YOU ROTTEN LITTLE BRAT! HOW DARE YOU IMPLY THAT MY WORK IS UN-LAWFUL!

HONEST MONEY DOESN'T COME FOLDED AND WRAPPED WITH RUBBER BANDS!

WHAT?! I DON'T WANT THESE BUNDLES OF CASH! IT'S SO OBVIOUS THIS MONEY ISN'T LEGAL!

I TAKE CARE OF THE VIOLENT PATIENTS THAT ORDINARY HOSPITALS CAN'T HANDLE, SO THEY INVEST IN MY WORK.

A COUPLE OF MAJOR HOSPITALS OUTSIDE THE BLACK MARKET FINANCE THIS PLACE.

THIS IS JUST HOW THINGS WORK... MY CLINIC MAKES ALMOST NO REVENUE FROM TREATMENT FEES.

Gian Panda

SO OTHER MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS SUPPORT GOHIN AND HIS WORK...

Aw, shucks.

Dr. Gohin, we're rooting for you!

THE OTHER DOCTORS CONTRIBUTE BECAUSE THEY SHARE MY VALUES. NOW ISN'T THAT A TOUCHING STORY?

Heh

TAKE THE MONEY... YOU'VE EARNED IT.

OUR WORK HELPS KEEP THE PEACE.

HE'S BEING HUMBLE, BUT HE'S BEEN VERY HELPFUL. I'VE HAD FAR LESS TROUBLE CAPTURING MY PATIENTS SINCE HE BECAME MY ASSISTANT.

...

AND I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TO DO WITH ALL THIS CASH!

HM... BUT I DON'T DESERVE THIS MUCH FOR WHAT I'VE DONE.

HE MOVES LIKE SOMEONE WITH NATURAL TALENT.

...AND HE HAS A UNIQUE KNACK FOR COMBAT.

HE'S COMMITTED TO HIS TRAINING...

WHAT'S YOUR FAMILY HERITAGE?

BY THE WAY ---

THESE ABILITIES... ARE THEY GENETIC?

THIS T-SHIRT'S GETTING TIGHT. MAYBE I SHOULD GIVE IT TO JACK.

F-FAM...

...

HEY, I'M NOT FORCING YOU TO TELL ME. I WAS JUST CURIOUS.

HAVE I STEPPED ON A LAND MINE ?!

F-FAM...

MOM DIED WHEN I WAS 12. DAD ABANDONED ME.

TRAIN-ING'S OVER FOR TODAY.

WOULD YOU LIKE SOME BAMBOO TEA?

WE LIVED TOGETH-ER, JUST THE TWO OF US.

MY GRANDPA RAISED ME.

...THERE IS TO SAY ABOUT MY PAST.

THAT'S ALL...

BOW

I KNOW.

I DEPEND ON YOU, YOU KNOW.

WELL... THANK YOU, THEN.

ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO GIVE THIS TO ME...?

1000.

YEP. SPEND IT HOWEVER YOU LIKE.

OKAY.

SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW.

COOL! READY? MAKE THE CALL, MAKE THE CALL!

SIGH... I GUESS IT'S TIME NOW...

WHY ARE YOU ACT-ING LIKE A PUPPY?!

No!

MY GRANDPA HASN'T HEARD FROM ME IN FIVE YEARS. IT MIGHT GIVE HIM A SHOCK IF I CALL HIM OUT OF THE BLUE. SO, PLEASE... WON'T YOU TALK TO HIM INSTEAD?

WHAT?! IT'S YOUR PHONE CALL!

Hello, Grandpa? It's me, Legoshi. I called to see how you're doing! I'm sorry I've been out of touch for such a long time.

YOU WROTE THIS SCRIPT FOR ME, SO YOU SHOULD BE THE ONE TO READ IT...

YOU'VE MA-TURED. YOU CAN TALK TO YOUR GRANDPA EVEN IF YOU'VE BEEN OUT OF TOUCH FOR FIVE YEARS.

DON'T LET YOUR FAMILY CIRCUM-STANCES CONTROL YOU ANYMORE!

HERE. WAIT UNTIL YOUR GRANDPA ANSWERS.

DON'T HANG UP!

AGH! HEY!

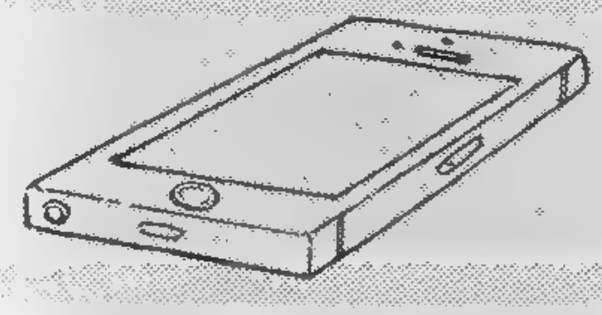
Knows the phone number

I KNOW YOU'RE SE-RIOUS ABOUT CALLING HIM. YOU WOULDN'T HAVE ASKED ME TO KEEP YOU COMPANY IF YOU WEREN'T. I'LL DIAL FOR YOU...

IF GRAND-PA'S FOR-GOTTEN ME, I'M PRE-PARED TO AC-CEPT IT...

...

WAS THERE EVER ANY LOVE... BETWEEN US?



IT'S BEEN FIVE YEARS SINCE I ENROLLED AT THIS BOARDING SCHOOL. WE HAVEN'T BEEN IN TOUCH SINCE.

OH!

HEL-LO?

I HATE THIS... MY CHEST FEELS TIGHT...

UM ...

WHO IS THIS?

HELLO!

U- UM... UH...


IS THAT YOU, LEGO-SHIZ

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT...?

YEAH.

IS SOME-THING WRONG? ARE YOU OKAY?

WHY IS IT SO HARD FOR ME TO LET GO OF MY BIAS AGAINST MY GRANDPA? HE RAISED ME.

I'M SORRY IT'S BEEN SO LONG...

I DIDN'T REC-OGNIZE YOU! YOUR VOICE HAS GOTTEN DEEPER.

THE SEC-OND I HEARD HIS VOICE, I WAS FILLED WITH RE-GRET...

I'M FINE... I'M DOING ALL RIGHT. LISTEN...

I'M A TERRI-BLE GRAND-SON.

I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU COULD USE IT...

I'VE STARTED WORKING PART-TIME... I'VE SAVED A LOT OF MONEY, AND I WANT TO SEND SOME TO YOU.

THAT'S JUST LIKE YOU... WELL, YOU'VE CALLED HIM ONCE NOW! SO YOU WON'T FEEL AWKWARD CALLING AGAIN!

AH. SO YOU WANTED TO SEND HIM MONEY.

I'VE PROBABLY WANTED TO... CALL MY GRANDPA ALL ALONG...

SENDING HIM MONEY WAS JUST AN EXCUSE TO TALK TO HIM.

I GET IT...

WHAM

ARE YOU TRYING TO CONVINCE YOURSELF BY SAYING IT OUT LOUD?

WE'RE ALL LIVING BEINGS. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE GET ALONG.

YOU'RE NOT A PUREBRED WOLF. THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SO GENTLE.

SOMEDAY THE TWO OF YOU WILL TALK FACE-TO-FACE AGAIN...

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AL-THOUGH I'M PRETTY SURE I'LL FORGET TO TEXT HIM WHEN I'M WITH A GIRL...

HUH? YEAH, YEAH...

EVERY NIGHT. OKAY?

Just one word will do.

TEXT ME BEFORE YOU GO TO BED EVERY NIGHT SO I KNOW YOU'RE SAFE.

UGH... YOU CAN KEEP IT.

LET ME TAKE A WHIFF OF YOUR BALL-POINT PEN.

SNIFF

I HAVE TO BE ABLE TO TRACK YOUR SCENT IN CASE SOMETHING HAPPENS TO YOU...

PLEASE BE ON YOUR GUARD AT ALL TIMES.

I NEED YOU TO BE CAUTIOUS OF ANY IMPENDING DANGER.

SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF

Qpt.

I HAVE A CATALOG OF SMELLS INSIDE ME...

I'VE ENCOUNTERED COUNTLESS SCENTS IN MY 17 YEARS ON THIS EARTH.

Chapter 74: You're a Solitary Knight

...THE DRAWER THAT'S EASIEST TO AC-CESS...

AND WHAT'S INSIDE ...

MY COLLEC-TION OF SCENTS OF BEASTS I WANT TO PROTECT KEEPS GROW-ING.

...IS THE SCENT OF LOUIS ...

Hey!

QUIT DRIFT-ING OFF WHILE YOU'RE WORK-ING FOR ME!

MY NOSTRILS ARE OVER-WHELMED BECAUSE OF EVERY-THING THAT'S HAP-PENED...

CAN I STILL RECALL HIS ODOR CLEARLY?

PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER! TODAY WE'RE GOING AFTER TWO CARNIVORES WHO HAVE BECOME ADDICTED TO GAZELLE MEAT. THEIR SPECIES ARE...

A BEARDED VULTURE AND A LEOPARD.

GALAXY TE

DANCE STAGE

LG

Beast Pharmaceutica

THOSE TWO OVER THERE ARE OUR TARGETS, RIGHT? THEY'RE NOT STAGGERING BECAUSE THEY'RE DRUNK, ARE THEY...?

SEE YOU BACK AT THE CLINIC...

KREK

I THINK YOU CAN HANDLE THEM ON YOUR OWN. I'LL GO CAPTURE THE PATIENT WHO RAN AWAY.

THERE ARE A LOT OF BEASTS AROUND HERE... I'VE GOT TO CAPTURE THEM QUICKLY AND DIS-CREETLY.

T-T RMP

HMPH.

...HOW TO CAPTURE DIFFER-ENT SPECIES.

GOHIN TAUGHT ME...

...SO FIRST WE LOOK THEM IN THE EYE.

WE NEED TO TREAT OUR OP-PONENTS AS PATIENTS ...

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?

...

GRAB

WHAT'S WITH THAT STUPID MUZZLE?

YOU WANNA FIGHT US?

WE NEVER LET THEM MAKE THE FIRST MOVE.

I'LL HIT HIM WITH A BLOW TO THE SHIN, JUST HARD ENOUGH TO PREVENT HIM FROM RUNNING AWAY.

IF THE LEOPARD MAKES A RUN FOR IT, I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO CATCH HIM.

WHEN FIGHTING TWO BEASTS AT ONCE, WE EXTEND OUR MOVES WIDE TO INCREASE OUR RANGE OF DEFENSE.

SO I'LL STRIKE HIS THROAT SHARPLY ONCE SO HE CAN'T VOCALIZE.

WHEN FIGHTING BIRDS, WHAT'S EVEN WORSE THAN THEM FLYING OFF IS THEIR SQUAWKS SPLITTING OUR EARDRUMS.

LASTLY, I MAKE THEM INHALE GOHIN'S HOMEMADE SLEEPING MEDICA-TION. AND THEN I TAKE THEM TO HIS CLINIC.

PHEW! I WAS NERVOUS FOR A SECOND THERE...

THIS SHOULD ...

...PUT YOU TO SLEEP FOR A WHILE.

URK.

I WAS SECRETLY A LITTLE WORRIED LEAVING YOU TO CAPTURE TWO BEASTS AT ONCE— BUT YOU PULLED IT OFF!

GOOD JOB, LEGOSHI.

IMPRESSIVE! YOU'RE GETTING STRONGER BY THE DAY! IS IT BECAUSE YOU'RE STILL SO YOUNG...? ANYWAY, NOW I CAN RELAX AND ENJOY A NICE CUP OF TEA.

LEGO-SHI...?

I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH!

I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH...

NOT AT ALL ENOUGH!!

HOW CAN I GET PHYSICALLY STRONGER AND MORE POWERFUL?!

I CAN'T BEAT THAT BROWN BEAR YET!

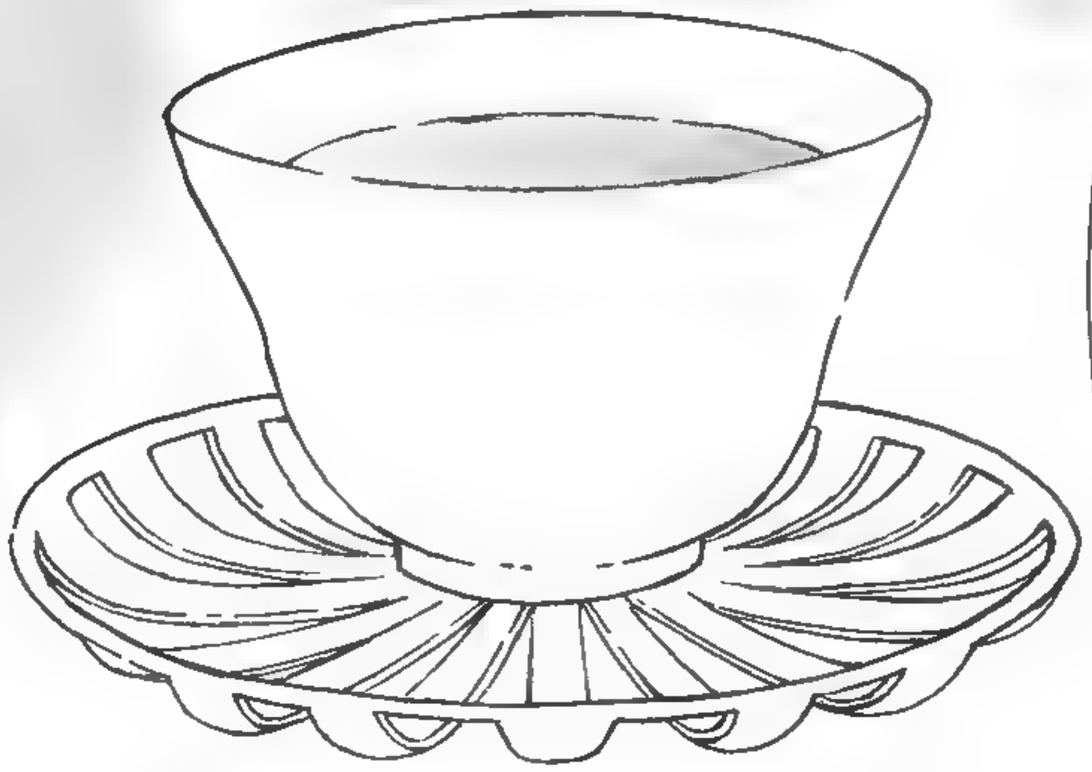
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HEY!

DON'T PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD! YOU'LL GET INJURED.

I UNDERSTAND YOUR IMPATIENCE ...

...BUT YOU'VE REACHED THE STAGE WHERE RANDOM TRAINING WON'T HELP YOU ANYMORE.



...

Hmph. This is no easy process. No easy process.

YOU DON'T EAT MEAT, SO YOU CAN'T BITE YOUR TAR-GETS.

YOU'RE TURNING INTO A COMPLEX FIGHTING BEAST...

CHMP

CHMP

OH...

YOU SAY HE'S *JUST* AN URSI-DAE, BUT...

Legoshi told him about Riz.

HE'S JUST AN URSIDAE.

OF COURSE I'M IMPA-TIENT! THE MURDERER IS A BROWN BEAR. I'VE NEVER FOUGHT A BROWN BEAR BEFORE.

GOHIN IS AN URSIDAE TOO...!

WHAP

ACK!

I TOLD YOU NOT TO BE SO IMPA-TIENT!

BAM-BOO HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY BEST ALLY!

DRAG DRAG

IS THIS A BAMBOO WHIP?!

I D-DIDN'T MEAN TO...

YOU CAN'T EVEN SNEAK UP ON ME! YOU'LL NEED TO TRAIN FOR A CENTURY BEFORE YOU CAN FIGHT ME ONE-ON-ONE.

DRAG DRAG DRAG DRAG

OTHER-WISE YOU'LL SELF-DESTRUCT UNDER THE PRES-SURE.

MAKE SOME ALLIES, LEGOSHI.

HONK

H

SIGH

I CAN'T LET MYSELF SELF-DESTRUCT UNDER THE PRESSURE...

I WONDER WHERE HE IS NOW...

EH?

I USED TO HAVE AN ALLY I COULD DEPEND ON— MENTALLY, AT LEAST...

Strawberry Milk

KLIK

I'LL FOLLOW THEM.

THOSE LARGE CARNIVORES ARE ACTING SUSPICIOUS...

TWO MILLION... THEY DON'T HAVE MUCH MONEY.

HOW MUCH DID YOU COL-LECT?

HM? OH. THEY'RE JUST ENGAGED IN SOME ILLEGAL ACTIVITY.

I'M NOT GOING TO MESS WITH A CRIMINAL OR-GANIZATION... I GUESS I'LL RETREAT.



KLIK

YOU DON'T NEED TO...

...SPEAK.

AM I DREAM-ING?!

HE MIGHT HAVE OVER-HEARD SOME SHISHI-GUMI SECRETS. WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH HIM, BOSS?

BOSS, THIS IS THE SPY WHO WAS TAILING US.

WHAT'S HAP-PENING...?!

QUIET DOWN, BOYS.

THE BOSS OF... THE SHISHI-GUMI?!

DON'T EMBARRASS OUR BOSS!

WE NEED TO CONDUCT OUR BUSINESS MORE STEALTHILY!

SORRY, SIR...

...IS THEIR BOSS?!

LOUIS...

AM I HAVING A NIGHT-MARE ...?

LOUIS ...?

I'LL HANDLE THIS.


Three minutes ago...
OF ALL THE BEASTS ...
I CAN'T BE-LIEVE IT...
BOSS! HE'S A SPY FOR SURE. LET'S KILL 'IM.



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SNIFF SNIFF
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I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T REAL-IZE!

QUIT STICKING YOUR MUZZLE IN MY FACE AND SNIFFING ME!

YO, PUP... YOU WERE ACTING VERY SUSPICIOUS.

HOW CAN YOU BE THEIR BOSS, LOUIS?!

THOUGH HIS SCENT IS WEAK BECAUSE IT'S OVER-LAID WITH TOBACCO AND THE SCENT OF THESE LIONS.

I CAUGHT HIS SCENT DURING THAT EX-CHANGE... IT'S DEFINITELY LOUIS.

YOU CAN DO WHAT-EVER YOU WANT WITH HIM.

IF YOU LIKE.

SHOULD WE INTER-ROGATE HIM?

WHO HIRED YOU? MADARA-GUMI? DOKU-GUMI?

SPILL IT! HOW COME YOU'VE BEEN TAILING THE SHISHI-GUMI?

I'M S-SORRY. I JUST HAP-PENED TO BE PASSING BY...

NO!

OH, NOW I REMEMBER! THAT'S THE REASON I SHAVED MY FUR! GOOD THING I DID...

THEY DON'T RECOGNIZE ME...

DON'T YOU RECOG-NIZE ME?

AND, UH... I FOLLOWED YOU OUT OF CURIOSITY...

I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT YOU, LOUIS. LOUIS...

LOOK ME IN THE EYE, LOUIS!

(Stirring up a strong breeze)

WAG WAG WAG WAG WAG WAG WAG WAG WAG WAG

WAG

WHAT'S HAP-PENING ...?

EH?

...LET ME GO...

... REALLY SORRY. PLEASE ...

IT'S REALLY LOUIS...

WAG

I'M ...

WAG WAG WAG WAG WAG WAG WAG WAG WAG WAG

...

HMPH.

Is he nuts?

WHY WOULD HE WAG HIS TAIL IN A SITU-ATION LIKE THIS?!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?

...UNDER-STAND THE FIX I'M IN?!

WAG WAG WAG WAG WAG WAG WAG WAG WAG

NNGH... DOESN'T MY TAIL...

BUT THIS IS NO TIME FOR YOU TO BE WAG-GING!

YOU'RE HAPPY TO SEE LOUIS BECAUSE IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME! AND LOUIS SEEMS ALL RIGHT! YEAH, I GET IT, I GET IT...

WAGWAGWAGWAGWAGWAGWAG

DAMN. I'M SQUEEZING MY RUMP MUSCLES TOGETHER, BUT I CAN'T STOP MY TAIL FROM WAGGING!

ZZGH.

HUF...

ZZGH.

I HAVE TO THINK OF SOMETHING THAT'LL MAKE IT DROOP...

LET'S SEE... I HAVE A QUIZ NEXT WEEK, BUT I HAVEN'T STUDIED EVEN HALF OF WHAT IT'S GOING TO COVER YET...

DUN-NO.

...

DON'T CANIDAE WAG THEIR TAILS WHEN THEY'RE HAPPY?

YOU'VE GOT A LOTTA NERVE...

!

LET'S INTER-ROGATE HIM. THIS PUP IS UP TO SOME-THING.

...STARIN' AT OUR BOSS LIKE THAT. I DON'T LIKE IT.

THIS IS YOUR FAULT, LEGOSHI. YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE.

Oo

THOK

WHUD

Nngh

Urgh

CHECK OUT HIS STUFF. HE MIGHT BE CARRYING WEAPONS OR A MIC.

OK

ARGH!

BUT I SAW YOU BUYING MEAT ON THE BLACK MARKET THE OTHER DAY!

AT SCHOOL, YOU ALWAYS ACTED AS IF YOU STOOD FOR JUSTICE, AS IF YOU WERE AN ALLY OF US HERBI-VORES.

IS THAT WHY YOU CAN'T STOP WAGGING YOUR TAIL?

SO WHY ARE YOU SO GLAD TO SEE ME?

WHAT I DESPISE MOST IN THIS WORLD IS DUPLICITY.

ENOUGH. HE'S NOT A SPY.

SHOW ME YOUR TRUE SELF TONIGHT.

HEY, PUP. AS A TOKEN OF APOLOGY, I'LL TREAT YOU TO DINNER.

COME WITH US.

HUH?

SHOW YOUR TRUE COLORS... TO ME.

I WAS ABOUT TO HAVE A DRINK WITH OUR TOP BRASS.

HOW COME YOU KEPT WAGGING YOUR TAIL?

It was creepy!

WHAT DO YOU DO?

HOW OLD ARE YOU?

SO... WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

THE REASON I WAS WAGGING MY TAIL WAS BECAUSE... UM... I WAS ALL WORKED UP OVER WHAT I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO DO TO ME...

MY NAME IS HARUO. I'M 20 YEARS OLD. I WORK IN THE LATE-NIGHT CLUB SCENE...

I'VE HEARD LIES ARE MORE CONVINCING IF YOU MIX SOME TRUTH INTO THEM.

I GET THAT A LOT FROM BEASTS ...

BAM

BFFT

OH, I GET IT NOW. YOU'RE A BDSM HOST AT A CLUB! YOU'RE WEIRDER THAN I THOUGHT!

PEEK

WHY DID LOUIS INVITE ME HERE?!

I THINK I'M IN WORSE TROUBLE NOW THAN BEFORE...

PUFF

HARUO ...

HELP YOURSELF.

YOU WOULDN'T REFUSE THE HOSPITALITY OF THE SHISHI-GUMI, WOULD YOU?

I CAN'T EAT THIS.

DO YOU HAVE ANY HERBI-VORE FRIENDS?

GO AHEAD. THIS IS THE BLACK MARKET. YOU CAN EAT AS MUCH MEAT AS YOU LIKE.

WHAT?

I ONLY EAT DEEP-FRIED TOFU.

SORRY... I'M, UH... A LARGE FOX.

FOXES ARE PICKY EATERS...

YOU STUPID WOLF! HOW MANY MORE LIES ARE YOU GOING TO TELL?!

RRRGH

...

...BUT *HE* ENJOYS EATING MEAT.

AS YOU CAN SEE, OUR BOSS IS A HANDSOME, YOUNG RED DEER...

HA HA HA... I DON'T GET IT.

OF COURSE.

DON'T YOU, BOSS?

OOH. THAT'S A HUGE BITE.

WHO CARES IF IT'S CAN-NIBALISM.

THAT'S OUR BOSS! HE'S GOT REAL FIGHTIN' SPIRIT!

Heh heh

YOU SHOULD FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE, HARUO!

HA HA HA HA

LEGOSHI... THIS IS HOW I SURVIVE IN THIS WORLD.

SURE THING, BOSS.

I'M STEPPING OUT FOR A MOMENT.

AND YOU'RE FREE TO JUDGE ME AS WELL.

...WHAT DO I CARE?

IF YOU'RE WILLING TO GO THAT FAR WITH YOUR LIES TO PRETEND YOU'RE NOBLE...

HE WENT TO THE REST-ROOM.

EH? HARUO'S GONE TOO.

WE HARDLY RECOGNIZE EACH OTHER, LEGOSHI...

HEY, LEGO-SHI...

PUNCH ME LIKE YOU DID BEFORE.

WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU DOING HERE, LOUIS?!

...
YOU'RE ALIVE!

I'M SO GLAD...

THIS IDIOT ...

I DON'T SMELL MEAT ON HIM...

...ONLY SMELLS OF SCHOOL-ISSUED SOAP.



Meanwhile, in the kitchen...

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ENOUGH! THIS IS GETTING AWK-WARD, YOU IDIOT! YOU'RE GOING TO BREAK MY BONES!

HUGGGHUGG

UR ...

... K ...

U ...

WAG

SHUV

PLEASE ...

BACK OFF FIRST!

TALK TO ME, LOUIS!

IT'S ALL COMING BACK TO ME NOW...

I ALWAYS THOUGHT HE WAS A PAIN IN THE NECK WHEN I WAS IN THE DRAMA CLUB...

...YET HE'S TOTALLY CLUELESS ABOUT HIS IMPACT ON OTHERS.

HE OVERWHELMS ME WITH HIS INCREDIBLE STRENGTH...

...THE MORE POWERLESS I FEEL! IT MAKES ME DIZZY!

THE MORE INNO-CENT HIS EX-PRES-SION ...

IT'S MY FAULT, ISN'T IT?

I'M RESPON-SIBLE. BECAUSE I...

A LOT'S HAP-PENED SINCE THEN...

CAN'T YOU FIGURE IT OUT FOR YOURSELF? I JOINED FORCES WITH THE SHISHI-GUMI AND BE-CAME THEIR LEADER.

I'D NEVER LET SOME-ONE LIKE YOU INFLU-ENCE HOW I LIVE MY LIFE.

DO YOU THINK I'M STUPID?!

I CHOSE THIS PATH! THIS WAS MY DECISION AND MINE ALONE!

I KNOW YOU FOUGHT THE SHISHI-GUMI AND RESCUED HARU...

...BUT DON'T YOU DARE THINK I SACRIFICED MYSELF TO APPEASE THEM.

I HAVEN'T SLEPT WITH HER! I MEAN, WE'RE PROBABLY NOT EVEN DATING...

RABBIT RABBIT

FON-DLE Z!

RABBIT

AND BY THE WAY... HOW DARE YOU TOUCH ME WITH THE SAME PAWS YOU FONDLE HARU WITH!

RABBIT RABBIT RABB

Hm.

NO... BUT DID SHE REJECT ME...?

She is... compli-cated.

DID SHE DUMP YOU?

WHAT THE HELL? YOU RESCUED HER!

I THINK HARU'S WAITING FOR YOU TO COME BACK TO SCHOOL.

OKAY, MAYBE SHE DID DUMP ME... I WON'T LET IT CRUSH ME THOUGH.

I'VE DONE A LOT OF TRAINING TO BECOME STRONG... BUT IT'S STILL HARD FOR HARU AND ME TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER.

BUT LOUIS...

...HAS GOTTEN THIN. AND NOW THAT I'M GETTING A CLOSER LOOK AT HIM, I REALIZE HIS EX-PRESSION HAS SOFT-ENED...

HEH HEH...

I THOUGHT YOU WERE LOOKING PRETTY BUFF...

SO YOU'VE BEEN TRAIN-ING IN THE BLACK MAR-KET, HUH ...?

WHY DON'T YOU RUN AWAY WITH ME...

LOUIS...

I WANT HIM TO RETURN TO THE ACADEMY WITH ME...

...NOW?

PLEASE COME...

YOU'RE FOOL-ING YOUR-SELF.

EVERY MEMBER OF THE SHISHI-GUMI LOOKS UP TO ME.

I CAN'T DO THAT. THEY NEED ME.

IF YOU CONTINUE AS THEIR BOSS... THEY'LL POISON YOUR HEART COMPLETE-LY. YOU'LL BECOME LIKE THEM.

I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN TO YOU.

...OUT OF SELF-INTEREST.

OUR RELATION-SHIP BEGAN AS A BUSINESS ARRANGE-MENT, OF COURSE ...

BUT GROWN-UPS DECEIVE EACH OTHER...

YOU'RE STILL SO ETHICAL.

HUF

HUF

BUT WE FORMED NEW BONDS IN THE SHISHI-GUMI... AS YOU CAN SEE.

YOU SET THIS TRAP...

I'M JUST EXPLAINING THE FACTS OF LIFE TO A JUNIOR CLASS-MATE.

NO, I DIDN'T. AND I'M NOT TALKING DOWN TO YOU.

WE PROTECT HIM FROM BEASTS LIKE YOU.

DON'T YOU KNOW HOW SHARP A FELINE'S SIXTH SENSE IS? WE CAN TELL RIGHT AWAY WHEN SOMETHING'S UP WITH OUR BOSS.

NOW DO YOU UNDER-STAND THAT I CAN NEVER GO BACK ...?

I'VE *ALREADY* BECOME ONE OF THEM.

BEASTS THINK THE SHISHI-GUMI'S GONE SOFT BECAUSE OUR NEW BOSS IS AN HERBI-VORE.

Heh heh heh...

EVERY-ONE LETS THEIR GUARD DOWN SOME-TIMES, LIKE YOU...

WE'VE BECOME A RAY OF HOPE FOR HERBI-VORES WHO SELL THEM-SELVES AT THE BLACK MARKET...

BUT OUR JOB'S GOTTEN A LOT EASIER NOW.

YOU, ON THE OTHER HAND ...

IT'S A VIOLENT BUSINESS... BUT I'VE DECIDED TO PUT MY MONEY WHERE MY MOUTH IS.

$7,300

$900

$900

WE HELP THE DESTITUTE.

...GO AHEAD AND KEEP CHARGING TOWARDS THE LIGHT.

BE A HERO.

DO YOU UNDER-STAND WHAT I'M TELLING YOU?

HAVE FAITH IN YOURSELF. KEEP GROWING STRONGER. BECOME A LEADER IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE.

...

...

WAY!

NO...

THERE'S NO BEAST WHO PUTS HIS LIFE ON THE LINE AND FOLLOWS THROUGH ON HIS BELIEFS LIKE YOU DO!

BE-CAUSE ...

YOU WANT POWER TOO.

AND THE WORLD TOTALLY NEEDS IT.

YOU HAVE SOME-THING I DON'T...

THE NOBIL-ITY OF HERBI-VORES.

...SHOOT.

D-DON'T---

...

WHOA... THEY REALLY RESPECT YOU, LOUIS!

IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO ME, SAY IT NOW.

YOU HAVE NO INTENTION OF TAKING ME HOS-TAGE.

I'LL BE QUICK.

I'VE FIGURED OUT... WHO KILLED AND DEVOURED TEM.

WHAT?!

IT'S TRUE. CHERRYTON HAS BECOME A SAVAGE PLACE. THE SCHOOL NEEDS YOU.

...BUT IF THINGS GO ON LIKE THIS, EVERYONE WILL FORGET WHAT REALLY MATTERS!

I'M DOING EVERYTHING I CAN TO BRING THE PERPETRATOR TO JUSTICE...

THE SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR RE-SOLVE.

DAMMIT, HE JUMPED! QUICK, GO DOWN-STAIRS!

HE KNEW HE COULD SURVIVE THE FALL...

NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU FALL...

...NO ONE CAN CRUSH YOU...

...OR YOUR NOBIL-ITY.

"I HOPE YOU CAN'T SLEEP AT NIGHT."

POP

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OH.

...FOR A LONG TIME...

I HAVEN'T SLEPT WELL...

PINA... YOU DIDN'T NEED TO TELL ME THAT.

YEP. I WAS GONNA TAKE THEM BEFORE BED.

YO, RIZ! TIME TO TAKE YOUR MEDS TOO?

HEH HEH... I CAN SEE THAT! I'VE GOTTEN USED TO THE MEDS.

...BUT I HIT SIX FEET THIS YEAR.

I DIDN'T HAVE TO TAKE THESE MEDICATIONS BEFORE...

Pharmaceutical | Herbal | Medici

Strength
Suppressant

■ For grou
carnivores

THEY SAY THE SIDE EFFECTS GO AWAY AFTER YOU HIT 20, SO I'VE JUST GOTTA PUT UP WITH THEM FOR NOW...

YEAH. THEY'RE PRETTY BAD ACTUALLY... I FEEL SICK IN THE MORNING. I CAN BARELY TALK FOR THE FIRST FEW HOURS.

DO YOU GET SIDE EFFECTS?

IT COULD BE WORSE...

Not many beasts know about this medication regimen.

SIGH

PUT UP WITH THEM, HUH? WE LARGE URSIDAE HAVE SO MANY THINGS TO PUT UP WITH!

...are required by law to take medicine that atrophies their muscles.

Washroom

GOOD NIGHT.

GOOD NIGHT!

Camivorous ursidae who grow taller than six feet...

...because they can overpower other carnivores.

Obviously, the overwhelming physical strength of ursidae is a threat to society...

So they are forced to take medication to prevent serious accidents.

OOPS.

AND I BOUGHT EXTRA-TOUGH FABRIC TOO!

R-RRIP

Pharmaceutical
Herbal Medicine
Strength Suppressant
■For growing carnivores!

BUT WHAT'S STILL REALLY ANNOY-ING IS...

I DON'T FEEL HUMILIATED BECAUSE I'M FORCED TO TAKE MEDS EVERY NIGHT. I'M OVER IT.

URGH.

His roommate (Height: 6 feet)

- Headache
- Listlessness
- Depression

RIZ... YOU LOOK SICK AGAIN THIS MORNING...

...THE SIDE EFFECTS THAT HIT ME WHEN I WAKE UP.

GRAB

SUN FLOWER
HONEY

SQ EEE

HONEY

DRIIIPP

EEEZE

HONEY'S THE ONLY THING THAT COUNTERS THE SIDE EFFECTS.

PHEW

SUN FLOWER

HONEY

GULP

EVERY-ONE THINKS OF ME AS JUST A BIG QUIET BEAR WHO LOVES TO EAT HONEY.

...THE REAL ME...

BUT NO ONE HAS EVER KNOWN ...

RIZ ALWAYS MAKES US SMILE!

Eight months ago, spring...

...ONE BEAST.

...EXCEPT FOR...

RIZ, YOU'RE KIND OF SCARY.

The locker rooms have been messy lately. Be sure to put away your personal belongings.

I TOOK A GOOD LOOK AT YOU, AND I REAL-IZED HOW HUGE YOU'VE BE-COME.

YEP...

DID YOU SERI-OUSLY JUST SAY THAT, TEM?

WHAT?!

IT JUST TOOK ME BY SURPRISE, THAT'S ALL. THAT'S THE FIRST TIME ANYONE'S CALLED ME... SCARY.

UM, WAS THAT INAP-PROPRIATE? SORRY...

HE WAS AN ALPACA NAMED TEM. WE WERE CLASS-MATES. AND WE WERE BOTH MEM-BERS OF THE DRAMA CLUB.

REALLY? WELL, I APOLOGIZE. I SHOULD HAVE CHOSEN MY WORDS MORE CAREFULLY.

DOES HAVING SUCH A HIGH VANTAGE POINT MAKE YOU... NERVOUS?

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT...?

I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED THOUGH... SOMETIMES I NOTICE YOU GAZING DOWN AT THE OTHER CLUB MEMBERS AND KIND OF GIGGLING...

...ARE SWEETER THAN HONEY.

HIS WORDS ...

DO YOU WANNA GO GRAB A JUICE TOGETHER IN THE LOUNGE?

HEY... IF YOU EVER NEED TO TALK, I'M HAPPY TO LISTEN.

I DON'T KNOW WHY ...

TEM...

...BUT ALL OF A SUDDEN... I FEEL LIGHTER SOMEHOW...

TEM WAS JUST BEING HONEST.

I SAID I THINK YOU'RE SCARY, BUT I WASN'T TRYING TO BE MEAN.

HUH? SURE, BUT... DIDN'T YOU JUST SAY—

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE TALKED WITH ANYONE ABOUT IT OUTSIDE MY FAM-ILY...

...LET ALONE WITH AN HERBIVORE.

WHAT A DRAG.

OH... I HAD NO IDEA URSIDAE HAD TO TAKE MEDS LIKE THIS.

THEY'D ALL BE SCARED OF ME IF THEY KNEW I WAS SUPPRESSING MY STRENGTH WITH MEDICA-TION.

NO WAY!

?

WHY NOT? WOULDN'T IT BE EASIER IF YOU TOLD EVERY-ONE?

HOW "NICE" I AM ...?

I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE A PROBLEM. EVERYONE KNOWS HOW NICE YOU ARE.

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?

UM... HEY!

SIGH

THE REAL ME ISN'T NICE AT ALL... I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO BE NICE.

YOU TOLD ME YOU FELT LIKE A BURDEN WAS LIFTED WHEN WE TALKED.

WHY DON'T WE HANG OUT MORE OUTSIDE OF THE CLUB?

THEN MAYBE YOUR SIDE EFFECTS WILL GO AWAY COM-PLETELY!

MY HONEY INTAKE DE-CREASED AFTER ONLY A FEW DAYS OF TALKING WITH HIM.

TEM WAS RIGHT.

THANKS TO TEM, I DON'T FEEL BAD ABOUT TAKING MY MEDICATION ANYMORE.

...

...EVEN NEED THIS NOW?

DO I...

I WANT TO GET CLOSER TO TEM...

TOSS

UM... HELLO? TEM? WANT TO GET TO-GETHER... TONIGHT?

...AS MY REAL SELF.

...

...

I'VE STOPPED TAKING MY MEDS FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE I GREW PAST SIX FEET.

YOU NOTICED ...

YOUR BODY'S KIND OF... PUFFED UP.

YOU SEEM... DIFFER-ENT TODAY SOME-HOW...

WAIT! WHY ARE YOU RUN-NING AWAY... FROM ME?

GRAB

I DON'T NEED THEM ANY-MORE!

WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?

WHAT?! ARE YOU CRAZY?!

HUH?

SPRT

GRL

TEM ...

I WANTED YOU TO KNOW... THE REAL ME.

TEM! WAIT!

...EACH OTHER BETTER.

SO WE COULD UNDER-STAND...

YOU CARNI-VORES ARE ALL MON-STERS.

THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE ...

...TEM'S VOICE AND EYES ARE. I FEEL LIKE OUR FRIENDSHIP IS REAL...

I NEVER REALIZED HOW BEAUTIFUL...

WE'RE BEST FRIENDS.

SO... YOU KNOW YOU DON'T NEED TO HIDE ANYTHING FROM ME, RIGHT?

WE ARE3!

AND YOUR AWESOME STRENGTH IS PART OF YOU.

OF COURSE.

HUG

YOU'RE NOT ALONE ANYMORE!

TEM ...

I ACCEPT ALL OF YOU, RIZ...

TEM
...

TEM
...2

EVIDENCE THAT HE FOUGHT BACK VAL-IANTLY...

BLOOD... AND CHUNKS OF FLESH... SPLATTERED EVERY-WHERE...

...TO DISAPPEAR TOO.

...MY MEMORIES OF MY TIME WITH TEM...

I DIDN'T WANT...

THIS TEXTURE... COLOR... WARMTH. THE TASTE... ALL OF IT...

CHMP CHMP

THIS INTENSITY...

IT'S SOMETHING I'LL TREASURE... AND NEVER WANT TO FORGET... UNTIL MY DYING DAY.



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...for three days.

Classes have suddenly been canceled...

KNOK KNOK

CLASSES START AGAIN TOMORROW. WILL THE TEACHERS EXPLAIN WHY THEY WERE CAN-CELED?

THEY GAVE US ALL THIS HOMEWORK SO WE WOULDN'T THINK OF THIS AS A HOLIDAY...

THEY GAVE US TOO MUCH HOMEWORK! WE'VE HAD TO SPEND ALL THREE DAYS IN OUR DORM ROOM!

I'LL GET THE DOOR !!

Scientific Discovery!

Sexy Canines

(Canidae love visitors.)

THANKS. WHAT IS IT...?

HERE'S A NOTICE FROM THE SCHOOL TO ALL THE DORM ROOMS.

DID SOME-THING HAPPEN? LET ME READ IT!

Nervous Wreck

GUYS... SOME-THING WEIRD IS GO-ING ON...

APOLO-GIES FOR THE SHORT NOTICE.

...

L-LEGO-SHI...?

TO ALL STUDENTS.

THE FACULTY AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES HAVE BEEN IN TALKS FOR SEVERAL DAYS AND HAVE COME TO A UNANIMOUS CONCLUSION. OUR DECISION IS FINAL.

Next morn-ing...

BENGAL TIGER

BLOOD TYPE B

BILL

AGE 17

...WILL SEPARATE CARNI-VORES AND HERBI-VORES INTO DIFFERENT CLASSES.

START-ING NEXT YEAR, CHERRY-TON ACAD-EMY...

Starting next year... carnivores will use the first and second floors. Herbivores will use the third, fourth and fifth floors.

WE'RE GOING TO BE ON DIF-FERENT FLOORS!

GOOD MORN-ING...

THEY CAN'T BE SERI-OUS!

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO COPY MY HOMEWORK ANYMORE. TOO BAD FOR YOU.

Taizo
Arabian camel

SO THIS IS THE LAST SEMESTER WE'LL SIT NEXT TO EACH OTHER IN CLASS...

START-ING NEXT MONTH ---

You need surgery to keep your tongue inside your mouth!

A DONE DEAL? I WISH YOU'D AT LEAST *PRETEND* YOU'LL MISS ME...

IT'S A DONE DEAL.

WHAT?! THIS IS ALL WRONG! HOW CAN THEY MAKE A DECREE IN CLASS LIKE THIS OUT OF THE BLUE!

What the hell are they thinking?!

ALL INTEGRATED CLUBS WITH CARNIVORE AND HERBIVORE MEMBERS WILL BE SHUT DOWN.

WE HAVE CLUB ACTIVI-TIES AFTER SCHOOL TODAY... I WONDER WHAT THE OTHER MEMBERS WILL HAVE TO SAY ABOUT IT?

THAT'S THE REAL PROBLEM... THIS MEANS THE DRAMA CLUB WILL BE SHUT DOWN SOON!

KREEK

WELL, THE ANNOUNCE-MENT TOOK ME BY SURPRISE!

BUT MORE AND MORE SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN PUTTING CARNIVORES AND HERBIVORES INTO SEPARATE CLASSES. CHERRYTON SHOULD'VE DONE IT A LOT EARLIER.

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2
3

ALL THE HERBI-VORES' FAMILIES MUST FEEL THE SAME.

SHE'S WORRIED ABOUT THE RECENT VIOLENT INCIDENTS HERE.

MY MOM COMPLAINED TO THE SCHOOL.

...

AS A CARNIVORE, I DON'T THINK I HAVE A SAY IN THIS MATTER.

WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT THEIR CHILDREN TO ATTEND CLASS WITH STARVING CLASS-MATES?

BILL!

OH, COME ON! I'M THE DRAMA CLUB'S CLASS CLOWN! I CAN'T BE ALL GLOOM AND DOOM IN FRONT OF THE OTHER MEMBERS!

IT'S YOU, ELS! YOU STARTLED ME. WANT TO HEAD OVER TO THE DRAMA CLUB TO-GETHER?

Aha ha ha

OH!

THE DRAMA CLUB... IT'S GOING TO BE...

BILL, DID YOU HEAR THE NEWS ...?

THIS CAME OUT OF NOWHERE. WERE YOU SURPRISED TOO?

YEAH, I HEARD. THE CLUB'S GOING TO BE DISBANDED AT THE END OF THE MONTH.

CARNI-VORES AND HERBIVORES ARE GOING TO BE IN SEPARATE CLASSES FROM NEXT YEAR ON ANYWAY.

ISN'T THERE?!

WELL... I GUESS THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT.

5 days until exams!

NOW YOUR SAFETY IS GUARANTEED.

YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY, ELS.

...
GLAD?

AREN'T YOU...

COW-ARD...

...

...SAY THAT?!

HOW CAN YOU...

E-ELS?

WHAT? HEY, HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT...?

YOU SECRETLY WENT TO THE BLACK MARKET, DIDN'T YOU? AND BOUGHT AND ATE HERBIVORE MEAT!

MY SAFETY'S GUARAN-TEED... THAT'S RICH, COMING FROM YOU!

I AL-READY KNOW HOW BAD YOU ARE!

I KNOW YOU ATE MEAT! I ALSO KNOW YOU SAID, "I'D HAVE SEX WITH ELS IF SHE WERE A FEMALE TIGER!" IN THE BOYS' LOCKER ROOM!

EVERY-ONE'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT IT.

B-BUT... WE STILL ENJOY BEING A PART OF THIS CLUB! WE'VE HAD SO MUCH FUN TOGETHER!

AND IT'S ALL BECAUSE... YOU GET TO KNOW THE GOOD AND BAD SIDES OF EVERY-ONE WHEN...

...

CALM DOWN! EVERY-ONE'S ALREADY SCARED ENOUGH!

ELS! I THINK YOU'LL LIKE THIS MANGA.

I'LL CARRY THE HEAVY STUFF.

...YOU'RE IN A CLUB TOGETH-ER!

WE CARNI-VORES NEED TO PROTECT THE HERBI-VORES BY SUR-ROUNDING THEM!

IT'S A BLACK-OUT!

You're not used to yelling, are you...?

HEY! TAKE IT EASY, ELS!

SWOOSH

S-SO WHY WOULD YOU ACCEPT THIS DECREE WITHOUT FIGHTING BA—

I DON'T WANT THE DRAMA CLUB TO GET SHUT DOWN EITHER!

LET'S PRO-TEST!

I AM SORRY... I'M REALLY SORRY!

I'M S-SOR-RY...

For every-thing.

KLAPKLAPKLAPKLAP

THEY'RE INSPIR-ING...

THAT WAS A GREAT CONVER-SATION ...

LET'S GO TO THE RE-HEARSAL STUDIO!

HEY... I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE COMING. WELL, AT LEAST NOW EVERY-ONE'S HERE...

Majority vote

- We should continue our club activities
- We should abide by our teachers' decision

OH...

PLEASE MOVE OUR TWO VOTES TO THE "WE SHOULD CONTINUE OUR CLUB ACTIVI-TIES" COLUMN!

Drama Club

BAM

HEY, EVERY-ONE! I WANT TO TALK ABOUT TODAY'S AN-NOUNCE-MENT!

e should
ur club activities

SKWA

Did you have a fight with Els?

No. Shut up.

All the clubs felt the same.

THE PROBLEM IS... WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT IT?

Great!

Yay!

GOOD! NOW WE HAVE A CONSEN-SUS!

THIS IS RIDICU-LOUS.

The manga club ...

WE CAN'T STOP NOW!!

WE WON'T LET THEM SUP-PRESS OUR FIGHTING SPIRIT!

The judo club ...

Rohh!

THIS MAKES NO SENSE!

The base-ball team ...

IT'S UNFAIR.

...was brought to the public's attention, and...

The unexpected solidarity of the club members...

THIS IS THE TIME TO RISE UP IN PROTEST, EDITOR IN CHIEF!

Media Club

LET'S WRITE AN EDITORIAL ABOUT HOW STUDENTS FEEL ABOUT THIS EDICT.

THIS DECISION AFFECTS OUR CLUB TOO.

EDITOR IN CHIEF!

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW INFLUENTIAL OUR SCHOOL NEWSPAPER IS?

HMPH... DON'T LECTURE ME, YOU IMBECILES.

BUT...

WE'RE THE OF-FICIAL SCHOOL NEWSPAPER. WE HAVE TO ACCEPT THE SCHOOL ADMINIS-TRATION'S DECISION.

THE TEACHERS WILL TURN AGAINST US IF WE PUBLISH AN EDITORIAL OPPOSING THEM.

UH-HUH! WE ALWAYS TRY OUR BEST BECAUSE YOU SCOLD US SO MUCH!

YEAH! AND IT'LL BE A WELL-WRITTEN EDITO-RIAL!

WE WANT THE MEDIA CLUB TO CONTINUE!

EDITOR IN CHIEF! PLEASE DON'T EVER STOP BEING CUTE!

THAT'S THE COEXIS-TENCE WE VALUE.

AND WE'VE DONE IT ALL FOR YOU-- BECAUSE YOU'RE SO CUTE!

...

RESPECT FOR ME AT ALL3!

DAMN IT! DON'T YOU HAVE ANY...

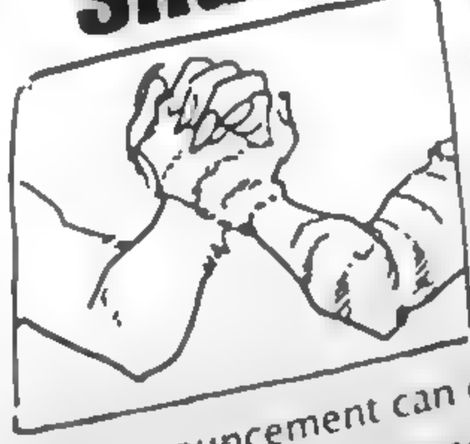
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School Newspaper

School wave

NEW

A Storm of Protest Against the Shutdown of Club Activities!!



The Bonds Between Carnivores and Herbivores Are Being Tested!!



• Carnivores and herbivores will attend separate classes beginning next school year.
• Clubs with both carnivore and herbivore members will be shut down starting next month.

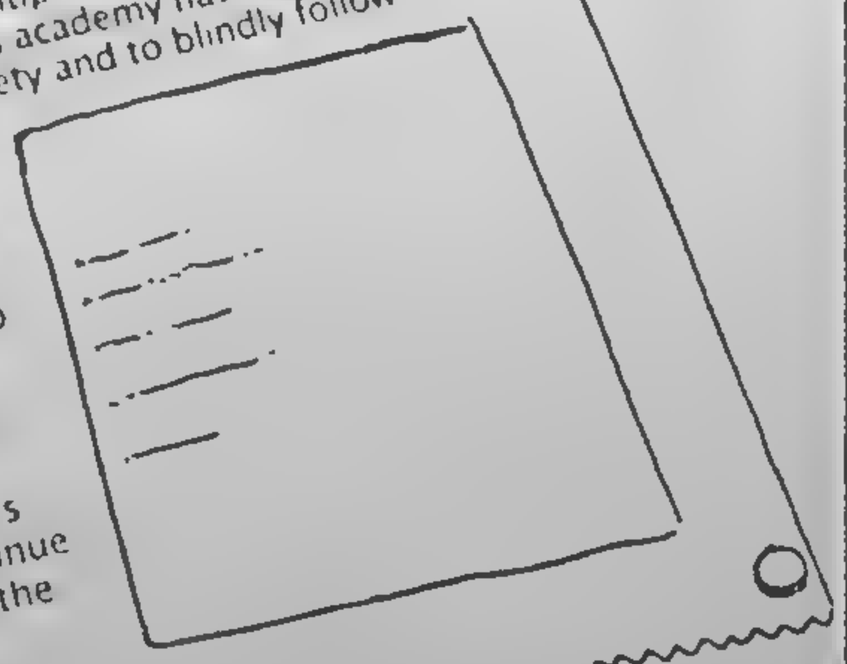
This announcement can only signify one thing: Cherryton Academy is ailing.

The school notice claimed this decision was made due to multiple recent accidents. That's the official explanation. The truth is, the adults at this academy have decided to turn a blind eye to the fundamental problems of our society and to blindly follow the precedent of other schools that have recently separated carnivores and herbivores.

Both darkness and hope exist in our society because we value the coexistence of species above all. Shouldn't schools teach students about this darkness and hope? It's us teenagers who are experiencing this darkness and hope in our lives.

That's exactly why members of many school clubs are rising up in protest. We want to keep our clubs active. We want carnivores and herbivores to study together next year. That's how we students feel. So which is the right path? Let's continue to deliberate. But we won't just take the easy way out, like the adults.

Sincerely, The Media Club



It's molting season. To groom your fur

You don't need to read this part.



Chapter 79: Secret Encounter with Lingerie

I'M PLAYING ADLER THE GRIM REAPER?

WHAT?!

THAT'S EXACTLY WHY, JUNO!

B-BUT I'M A FIRST-YEAR. AND FEMALE. SO WHY...?

THAT'S RIGHT! I WANT TO GO IN A NEW DIRECTION FOR THIS NEW YEAR'S PERFOR-MANCE.

WE'LL DEMONSTRATE THE DETER-MINATION AND DEFIANT SPIRIT OF THE DRAMA CLUB...

...BY HAVING A GIRL PLAY ADLER, THE ROLE OF A HERO ONLY PERFORMED BY MALE ACTORS IN THE PAST.

Let's continue joint club activities with carnivore and herbivore members!!

Champion

Beast

THE OTHER CLUBS ARE WORKING HARD TO UP THEIR GAME TOO.

WE'LL OUTDO OURSELVES WITH OUR NEW YEAR'S PERFORMANCE!

YOU'RE A CANDIDATE FOR OUR SCHOOL'S NEXT BEASTAR. STUDENTS TRUST YOU. YOU DESERVE THE STARRING ROLE IN OUR PLAY!

I KNEW YOU'D SAY THAT.

I PROM-ISE I'LL MAKE YOU PROUD!

I UNDER-STAND.

WE CAN'T LET THEM GET AWAY WITH THAT!

THE GROWN-UPS TOOK THE EASY WAY OUT WHEN THEY SHUT DOWN OUR INTEGRATED CLUBS.

HEH HEH... THE MOOD AT OUR SCHOOL HAS CHANGED. BOTH CARNI-VORES AND HERBIVORES ACTIVELY WANT TO BE WITH EACH OTHER NOW.

YES, OF COURSE !

...

RIGHT, JUNO?

WE'LL CONTINUE OUR CLUB ACTIVITIES. EVERYONE REALIZES NOW THAT CARNIVORES AND HER-BIVORES SHOULD ATTEND SCHOOL TOGETHER.

INCIDENTS INVOLVING CARNI-VORES AND HERBI-VORES KEEP HAPPEN-ING...

BUT...

school wave

Girls' Locker Room

...WHY?! WHAT'S WRONG WITH SEPARATE BUT EQUAL?!

(BUT THERE'S NO WAY I CAN SAY THAT IN FRONT OF THE OTHERS...)

EVERYONE IS TRYING SO HARD TO PREVENT THE SCHOOL FROM SEPARATING CARNIVORES AND HERBIVORES INTO DIFFERENT CLASSES, BUT...

JUNO!

CARNIVORES AND HERBIVORES HAVE TO KEEP THEIR DISTANCE FROM EACH OTHER!

WE NEED SPACE!

WHY DOESN'T ANYONE ELSE GET THAT?!

IT'S BECAUSE WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASSES THAT WE SEE THINGS WE DON'T WANT TO SEE AND LEARN THINGS WE DON'T WANT TO KNOW!

THANK YOU!

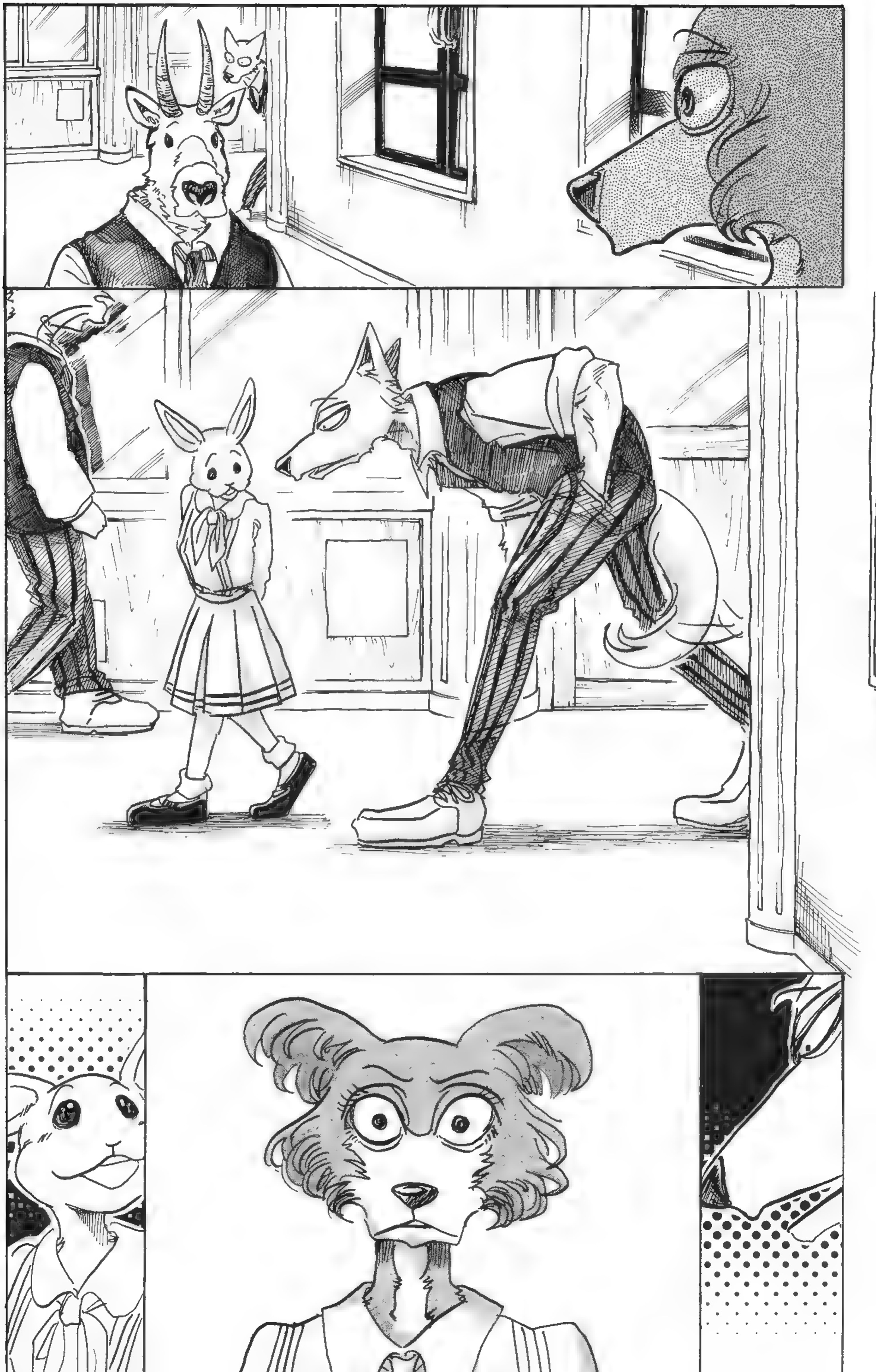
WE'LL DO WHAT WE CAN TO SUPPORT YOU! WE'RE SO EXCITED THAT A FIRST-YEAR GOT THE STARRING ROLE!

IT'S SUCH AN EASY THING TO DO...

WHY IS IT THAT CARNIVORES FIND IT SO HARD TO STAY CALM AROUND HERBI-VORES?

ALL WE NEED TO DO IS STAY FRIENDLY WITH EACH OTHER.

WE CAN MAINTAIN OUR DISTANCE AS LONG AS WE KEEP SMILING AT EACH OTHER.



THERE SHE IS!

...THAT RABBIT?!

IS LEGOSHI GOING OUT WITH...

GRRRR

...THE ONE HERBIVORE WHO MAKES MY BLOOD BOIL!

THERE SHE IS...

...

ARE THEY PASSION-ATELY IN LOVE, LIKE IN SOME SHOJO MANGA?

GRAB

SMOOCH

*What Juno is imagining.

tup tup

...LEGOSHI'S TYPE, HUH...?

SO THAT'S...

...ARE AS SHORT AS MY UPPER ARMS.

HER LEGS...

...A TINY HEAD...

SHE'S GOT...

KICK

SHE GOT TRAMPLED!

UH-OH!

SHE SEEMS USED TO IT...

...

SHE'S HEADED UPSTAIRS. IS SHE GOING TO THE ROOFTOP?

(YOU SHOULD USE THE SMALL ANIMALS' STAIR-CASE...)

WHERE'S SHE GOING?

DOESN'T SHE HAVE ANY FRIENDS?

SHE'S TINY, BUT SHE DOESN'T HANG OUT IN GROUPS LIKE THE OTHER SMALL ANIMALS.

Gardening Club

CHAK

SHE'S THE ONLY MEMBER... IS IT HER DEDICATION THAT ATTRACTED LEGOSHI?

I DIDN'T KNOW THIS CLUB EVEN EXISTED... THE DOOR LOOKS OLD AND WORN.

THE GAR-DENING CLUB?!

OH, IT'S YOU!

I THOUGHT IT WAS LEGOSHI. YOUR FOOTSTEPS SOUNDED HEAVY LIKE HIS...

...THAT YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH LEGOSHI.

BUT I DO REMEM-BER...

SORRY, I CAN'T REMEM-BER YOUR NAME...

?

(157 lb.....)

I'M NOT THAT HEAVY!

JUNO! THAT'S RIGHT!

I'M JUNO ...

MY NAME'S HARU. OR DID I TELL YOU THAT THE LAST TIME WE MET?

I'M NOT AS CLOSE TO HIM AS YOU ARE!

HEH HEH...

HEY, WAIT!

I DON'T KNOW! I'LL BE GOING NOW...

Any-way ...

WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?

UM...

You can kill slugs though. They're pests.

DON'T KILL IT! THEY MAKE FERTILIZER.

Haru gave her a change of clothes.

AN EARTH-WORM ...

EEK!

I'll bring a trowel.

HMPH. YOU KNOW CANIDAE CAN'T SAY NO WHEN SOMEONE ASKS US FOR HELP!

THANKS FOR HELPING ME. I DIDN'T THINK YOU WOULD...

HM... WHERE IS IT? OH, FOUND IT! HUP...

UM...

Though I already know what her response will be...

WHY AM I DOING THIS...?! WELL, SINCE I'M HERE, MAYBE I CAN USE THIS AS AN OPPORTU-NITY TO ASK HER ABOUT LEGOSHI...

Flowers & Vegetables Compound Fertilizer

TOOLBOX

TRMBL

TRMBL

HUH?

BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO WASTE YOUR TIME...

IF THAT TOOLBOX FELL ON YOU, IT WOULD CRUSH YOU LIKE A BUG!

THE LADDER'S RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU! OR YOU COULD'VE ASKED ME TO GET IT FOR YOU!

USE A LADDER! PLEASE!

S-SO...

...THIS IS HOW YOU DID IT, HUH?

PLEASE DON'T EN-DANGER YOURSELF LIKE THAT...

IT'S OKAY. I DON'T MIND RISKING MY NECK TO SAVE MYSELF A LITTLE TIME.

...YOU'RE SMALL, AND HE INSTINC-TIVELY FELT THE NEED TO PROTECT AND TAKE CARE OF YOU.

LEGOSHI'S ATTRACTED TO YOU BECAUSE...

AH-CHOO

WHAT?! NO... THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT...

RUB RUB

JUNO... ARE YOU SAYING YOU'RE AT-TRACTED TO ME?

JUST KID-DING!

LET'S STOP TALKING ABOUT LEGOSHI. IT'S NICE TO HANG OUT WITH ANOTHER GIRL FOR ONCE.

WOULD YOU LIKE THAT?

...

LET'S SHARE A SWEET RED-BEAN PASTE BUN.

HOW MANY MIXED EMOTIONS ARE SWIRLING INSIDE ME NOW?!

...HOW CHARMING HERBIVORES CAN BE...

?

YOU HAVE CRUMBS AROUND YOUR SNOUT...

I DON'T WANT TO KNOW...

I WANT CARNIVORES AND HERBIVORES TO BE SEPARATED... AND NOW I FINALLY UNDERSTAND WHY.

SHEESH... YOU'VE STILL GOT CRUMBS ON YOUR CHEEKS!

I WANT US TO BE IN SEPARATE CLASSES.

Z

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

SHEESH... I DON'T DESERVE TO BE THE SCHOOL'S BEASTAR.

IT'S BECAUSE CARNI-VORES CAN NEVER WIN AGAINST HERBI-VORES!

YOU'RE CUTE...

...THE WAY LOUIS HAS WITH CARNI-VORES.

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN REACH AN EQUAL FOOTING WITH HERBI-VORES...

YOU KNOW WHERE HE IS?!

LOUIS?!

UH...

BY THE WAY... DO YOU KNOW WHERE LOUIS IS?

NOW, EXCUSE ME...

YOU SHOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM AS SOON AS YOU CAN. HE'S WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

I'M LEAVING BEFORE YOU TWIST ME AROUND YOUR LITTLE FINGER LIKE YOU DID LEGOSHI AND LOUIS!

END OF BEASTARS VOL. 9



Pina Character Design Notes

Pina's appearance

If you look at the cover of this volume, Pina looks more beautiful than handsome, doesn't he?

When I add a new character to the story, I usually spend several months creating and refining them and eagerly await the right moment for their first appearance. However, with Pina it was different. The story had been kind of gloomy for a while, and I thought, "This is no good! The story needs a cheerful boy with charm and a commanding presence!" Pina was created out of a sense of urgency. And it only took me about three days.

Once Pina entered the story, he became more annoying than I expected. That was a surprise.

Fooling around with girls

This is Pina's hobby. I suppose girls are his source of emotional support. Pina loves all kinds of females. "I love any girl, as long as she's a species with horns!" Horns are important to him. He must be proud to be an Artiodactyla. But because he loves all kinds of girls, he's currently going out with five of them at once.

How did you come up with his name?

I took it from a German dancer named Pina Bausch. I love the way German words sound because they're so different from Japanese.



The Covers of BEASTARS

THE "B" OF BEASTARS IS HUGE. I HAVE TO POSE THE CHARAC-TERS SO THERE'S ENOUGH SPACE ON THE TOP LEFT FOR THE "B."

THE COVER DESIGN IS THE SAME FOR EVERY VOLUME. THE TITLE IS IN THE BACKGROUND. ONE OR TWO CHARACTERS POSE IN THE FOREGROUND.



Please read... ...the panels in this order (follow the arrows).

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WHEN I PRINTED OUT BOTH DESIGNS IN THE ACTUAL SIZE OF THE BOOK AND SET THEM SIDE BY SIDE...

(BECAUSE SUBSE-QUENT VOL-UMES WILL FOL-LOW THE DE-SIGN.)

APPARENTLY, PEOPLE GIVE A LOT OF THOUGHT TO THE BOOK DESIGN OF A FIRST VOLUME.

GUT RESPONSE

DESIGN A IS BETTER!

ELLE

The artwork inside isn't pretty, you know!

NO, IT'S LIKE A HIGH-END FASHION MAGA-ZINE! IT'S TOO FANCY!

Oh!

b-bmp b-bmp

THE BOOK DE-SIGNER CAME UP WITH A LOT OF IDEAS!

My Tas-manian devil editor

NOW I REALLY LIKE THE HIGH-END-FASHION-MAGAZINE-STYLE COVER DESIGN.

FOR SOME REASON, THE WAY YOU JUDGE THE DESIGNS WILL COM-PLETELY CHANGE WHEN YOU SEE THEM IN REAL LIFE INSTEAD OF ON A SCREEN.

I RECOM-MEND YOU PRINT OUT COVER DESIGNS FOR COM-PARISON WHEN TRYING TO DECIDE WHICH IS BEST.

HOW-EVER...

I WAS EVEN LESS CONFIDENT ABOUT MY WORK BACK THEN THAN I AM NOW, SO I CHOSE A DESIGN THAT HID PART OF THE COVER ILLUSTRATION.

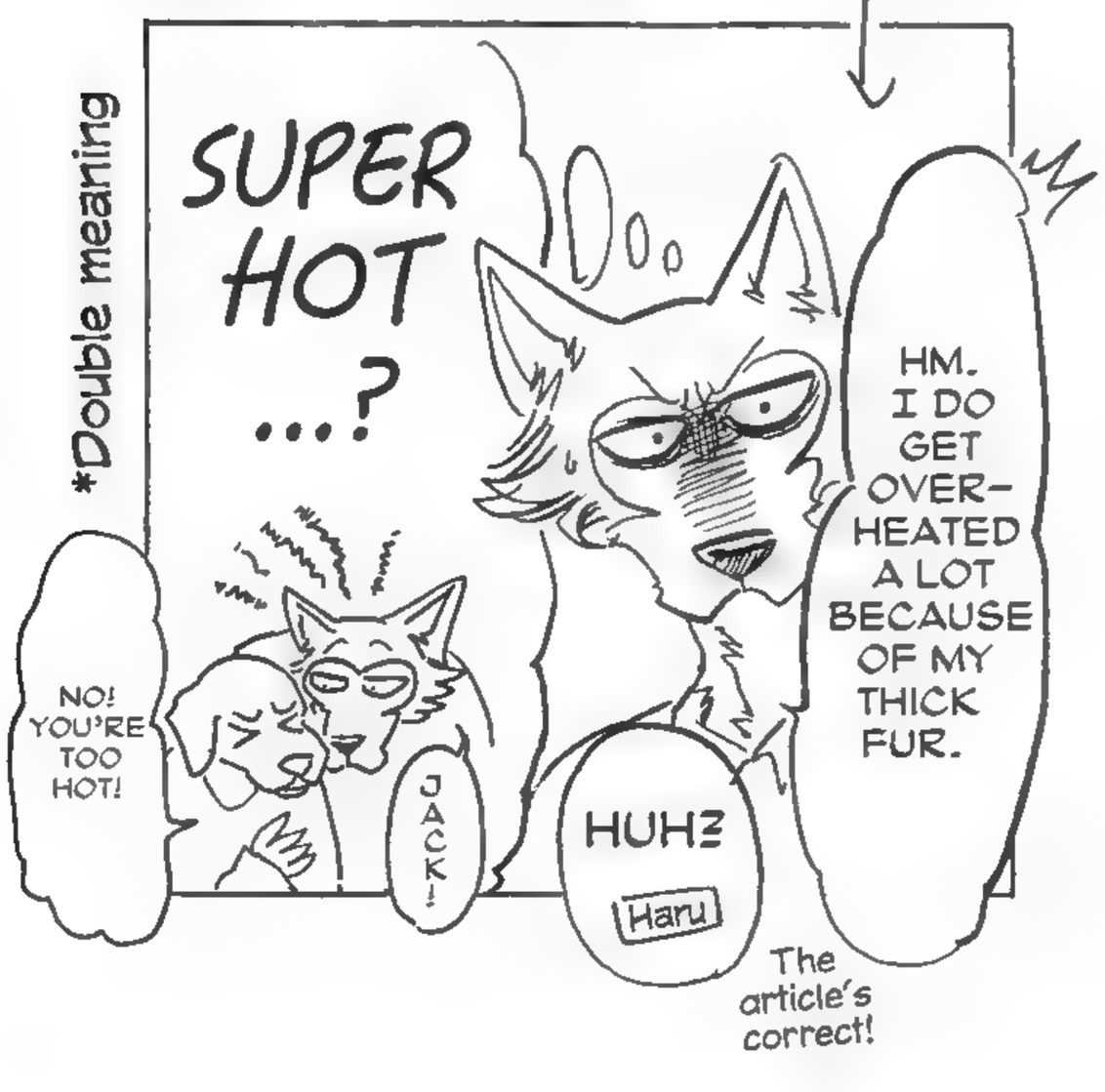
I THINK THIS ONE'S GOOD. IT LOOKS COOL.

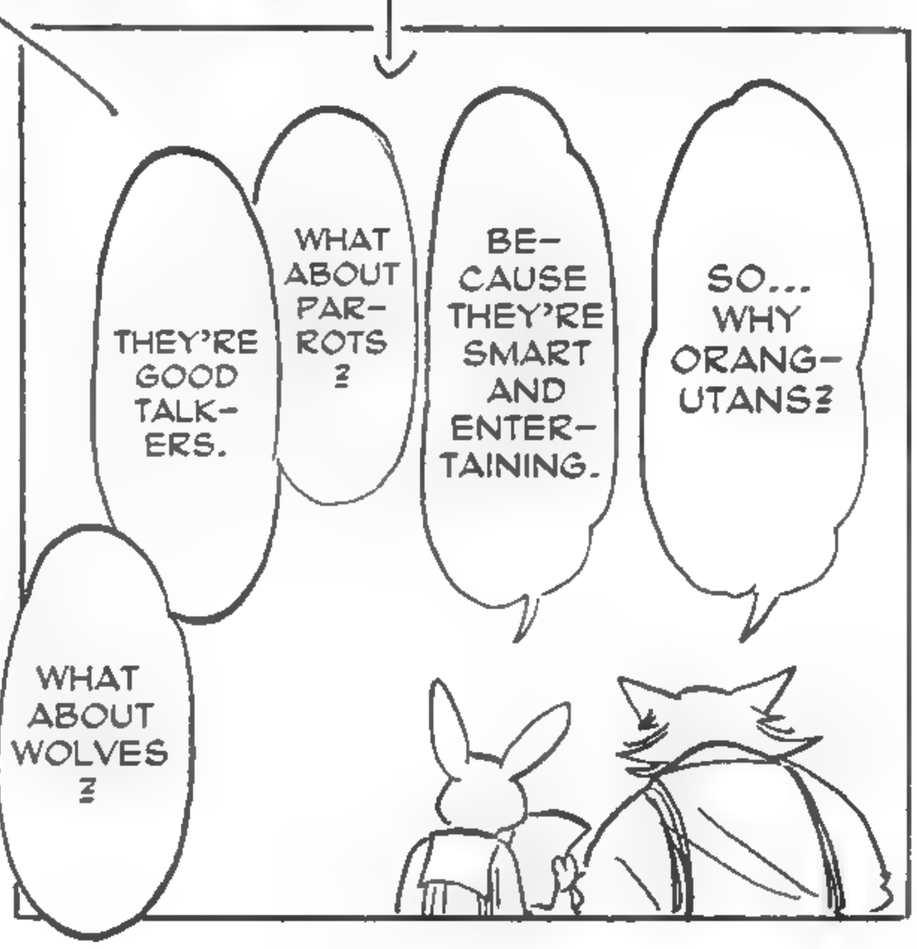
In our human world, there's the so-called
3B's a woman should beware of when dating:
boy hairdressers, bartenders, and band musicians.
Maybe it's because people think
they're too slick with women?
Something similar exists in the BEASTARS world!
Watch out for these types of guys!

The 3B's (beasts)!!









We are shishi-GUMI

Hm...

YOU SHOULD COMPRO-MISE A LITTLE TOO!

IT'S NOT FAIR!

I STARTED EATING MEAT AFTER I JOINED YOU... BUT NONE OF YOU EMULATE ANY TYPICAL DEER BE-HAVIORS.

DON'T LOOK DOWN ON ME.

?

SNIFF

YOU SMELL LIKE A CAT.

GRR

WE'LL WORK ON IT, BOSS!

I GUESS WE'RE NOT CLOSE ENOUGH YET FOR HIM TO LAUGH AT THIS JOKE...

~Shishi-gumi's New Rules~

(*Top secret. Don't let the boss find out.)

6. Never serve venison at the table.

5. When you talk to the boss, make sure your field of vision is level with his. (Bend over slowly. He won't notice.)

4. Wear a black suit (except for the boss).

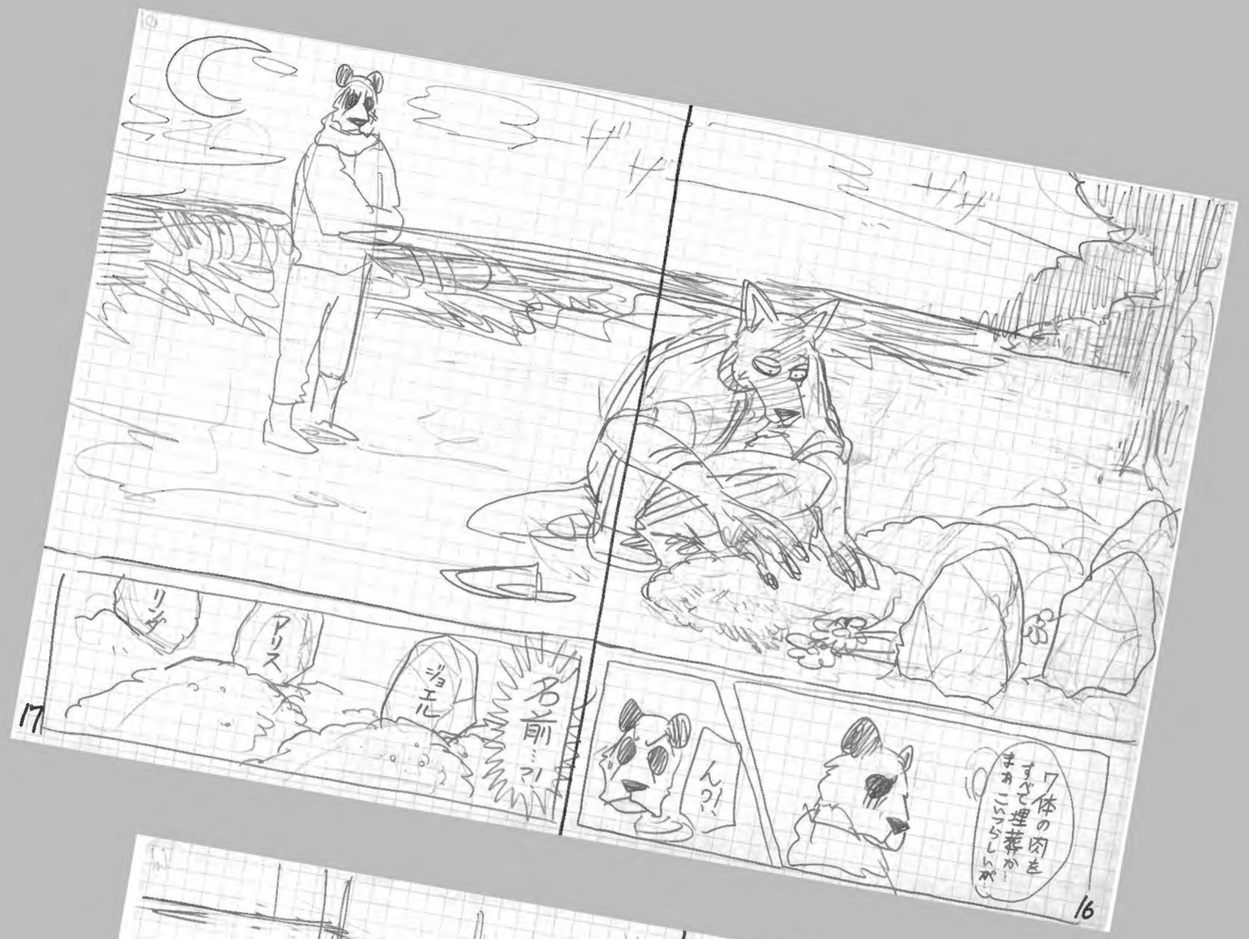
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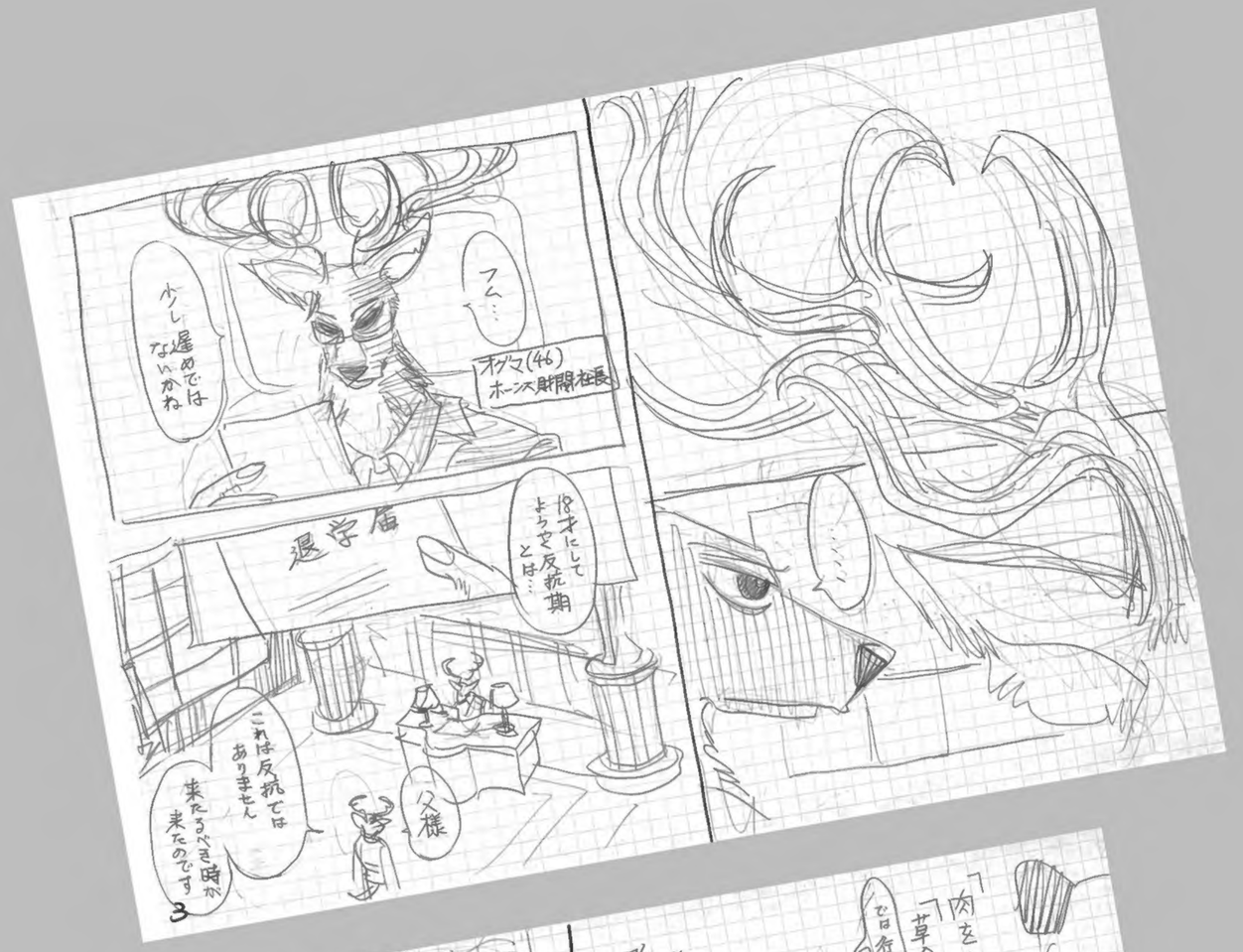
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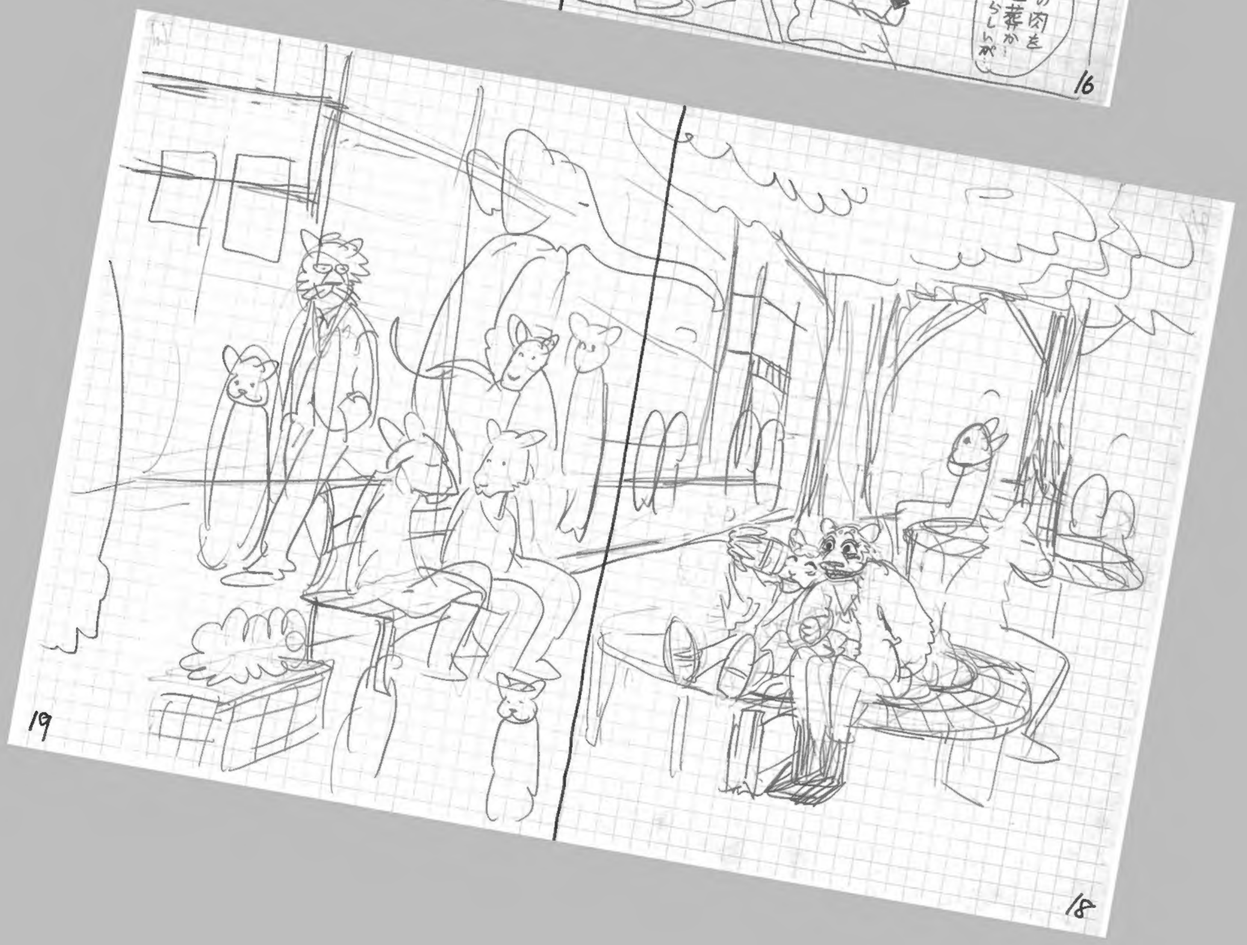
1. Wear low-heeled shoes.

Ibuki wrote these up. →

Whoa!









*These are the storyboards for BEASTARS volume 8, pages 70–71, 38–39, 104–105 and 196–197. Manga artists show storyboards to their editor to communicate what they have in mind for upcoming chapters.



I'M GOING BACK TO BEING A BABY CHICK. I'LL HIDE MY ADULT CHICKEN COMB INSIDE MY HEART!

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